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TO LET.—The James Island Brick Yard; ample water, excellent shipping facilities, good clay, plenty of wood, cabins for help, range for stock and every convenience. To an industrious man this is a good chance. Apply to R. T. Williams, Broad St. jel5 tf

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TO THE TIMES ONLY.

The Terrible Blizzard---Hard Times in Quebec--Central Bank Affairs.

Northwest News--Surveyor Ogilvie's Whereabouts---The Governor-General.

Special to The Times.]

Winnipeg, Dec. 21—Messrs. Crosby and Hunter conclude their revival services in Brandon on Christmas day, when they leave for Ontario.

J. B. Kerr, late of the Toronto *News*, is en route to Vancouver to take a position on the *News-Advertiser*. He is taking in Winnipeg and leaves for the coast to-day.

The second presentation of the opera, "The Musketeers," by the Winnipeg Operatic Society last night, was largely attended.

Regina, N. W. T., Dec. 21—Justice Richardson yesterday afternoon gave a decision refusing to grant a writ of *habeas corpus* to Godin, the Montana murderer, held for extradition.

News has been received at the Department here that Chief Crowfoot since his return from the States has fallen seriously ill. The nature of his malady is uncertain.

ONTARIO DISPATCHES.

The Central Bank—Where is Ogilvie?—Fire, &c., &c.

Special to The Times.]

Toronto, Dec. 21—The master-in-ordinary to-day decided not to re-open the case of the liquidators of the Central Bank and their claim for remuneration, but to allow the judgment made on Friday last to stand. This requires Howland, Gooderham and Lye to recast their accounts on a basis that will cut their claim down by from one-half to two-thirds of the sum first asked, namely, $56,000.

The *Mail* asserts that the Inspector of Scotland Yard, who brought Rolland Gideon Barnett to Canada, was deputed by the London *Times* to collect evidence in Canada to be used against Parnell.

Guelph, Dec. 21—The Dominion Grange is in session here.

Almonte, Dec. 21—The Governor-General arrived here yesterday and was presented with addresses by the different bodies. In the afternoon he inspected the various industrial and educational institutions, and in the evening left for Ottawa.

Ottawa, Dec. 21—The Department of the Interior has no apprehension regarding the safety of Surveyor Ogilvie, who is expected from the Saskatchewan and Yukon districts *via* Edmonton, in the vicinity of the Hudson's Bay fort, where the party can get provisions.

The nomination took place in Magentic yesterday. The Ottawa wire pullers have left to help defeat Col. Rhodes.

Picton, Ont., Dec. 21—Hallowell's Mills, near here, were burned together with contents. No insurance; loss, $50,000.

Jordan, Ont., Dec. 21—Wm. Soulph, a farmer living near here, suicided yesterday morning by shooting himself through the head. He had been insane for several days.

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 21—Frank Young, aged 12, was drowned to-day while skating.

Halifax, Dec. 19—A strong movement is afoot here to ask the Crown's clemency in the case of murderer Prosper, whose appeal was dismissed by the Supreme Court at Ottawa on Saturday. The evidence was wholly circumstantial. The boy is only 16 and it is felt to be a good case for commutation.

QUEBEC DISPATCHES.

Reports From the Blizzard—Hard Times in Quebec.

Special to The Times.]

Montreal, Dec. 21—The Dominion Commercial Traveler's Association had their annual dinner to-night. Among the speakers were Hon. Peter Mitchell and R. S. White, M. P. Messrs. White and Mitchell referred to the annexation question, the latter remarking that there was no feeling in favor of it in Canada.

Full reports from the blizzard which began on Sunday and only ceased yesterday are coming in. The most serious consequences were reported from Lower Quebec and the back villages out of the line of railway travel.

Cardinal Taschereau has received so many complaints from the country about hard times, owing to the short crops, that he has invited the provincial ministers to meet him on Tuesday next to consider what steps will be taken in the matter.

L'Assomption, Que., Dec. 21—At the nomination to-day J. Marcen, ex-M.P.P., Conservative, and Dr. Forest, Liberal, were chosen as the candidates for the local house.

Quebec, Dec. 21—In Dorchester County to-day, H. Z. Pettilier, Nationalist, was elected by acclamation for the Quebec house.

NOVA SCOTIA.

The Nominations in Cumberland for the Commons.

Special to The Times.]

Halifax, Dec. 21—The nominations for the vacant seat in the Commons for Cumberland took place yesterday at Amherst. A. R. Dicky was again nominated as the ministerial candidate. E. B. Elderkin was nominated as the candidate of the prohibition party.

SIR CHARLES TUPPER

Will Come to Canada in April to be Examined.

Special to The Times.]

Ottawa, Dec. 21—A cable from Tupper to-day says he will be able to come to Canada about the middle of April to be examined before the arbitration in the Onderdonk contract case. This will give him an opportunity to be here a short time during the sitting of Parliament.

Office of Santa Claus,
North Pole, Dec., 1888.

This is to certify that I have personally inspected the Holiday Stock of the undersigned and recommend it as the best and most Complete Assortment of appropriate gifts I have seen. Be sure to please your loved ones with selections from this elegant collection.

Very respectfully,
Santa Claus.

Henry Gribble, 84 Government Street, Victoria.

New Autumn Dress Fabrics.

A complete line in single and double width goods just received at the City House.

CHRISTMAS EXAMINATIONS.

Closing of the High School For the Holidays.

The oral examination of the two divisions of the high school took place this morning and the closing exercises this afternoon. Clergymen of the city, trustees, the Minister of Finance and a large number of other visitors were present. For want of time and space a more extended notice is impossible in this issue.

SENIOR DIVISION—J. P. M'LEOD, TEACHER.

Head of School—Miss Jennette Mebius.
Reading—Misses Hicks 84, Herd 82, Powell 82.
Writing—Misses Cathcart 84, Mebius 84, Sylvester 80, Master Lonfesty 86.
Dictation and Spelling—Master Miller 97, Misses Herd 95, Mebius 94, Master McDowell 94.
Geography—Master Johnston 85, Miss Mebius 81, Master Gardiner 78.
English Grammar—Master Gardiner 80, Misses Watson 72, Lorimer 70.
Composition—Misses Christie 77, Fawcett 74, Mebius 74, Master Lawson, W. A. 74.
Rhetoric—Misses Powell 80, Fawcett 80, Christie 79.
English History—Miss Mebius 90, Masters Gardiner 77, Miller 66.
Canadian History—Masters Powell 84, Gardiner 84, Miss Mebius 82.
Mental Arithmetic—Misses Lorimer, Northcott, Herd, Masters Gardiner, Miller 80.
Written Arithmetic—Miss Mebius 87, Masters Gardiner 77, Miller 75.
Mensuration—Masters Lawson J H 85, Gardiner 84, Miss Hicks 83.
Algebra—Misses Mebius 78, Hicks 77, Masters Gardiner 72, Lawson W A 72.
Geometry—Miss Mebius 94, Masters Powell 90, Lawson W A 88.
Natural Philosophy (statics)—Masters Powell 88, Gardiner 77, Miller 65, Miss Northcott 65.
Trigonometry—Masters Lawson W A 83, Johnston 79.
Book-keeping—Masters Miller 73, Lawson WA 70, Miss Mebius 70.
History of Rome—Miss Powell 80, Master Johnston 75, Miss Mebius 75.
History of Greece—Miss Powell 67.
Latin—Masters Powell 48, Lawson W A 48, Miss Powell 45.
French—Miss Powell 62, Masters Powell 58, Johnston 56.
Greek—Masters Powell 45, Johnston 43.
Anatomy, Physiology and Hygiene—Master Miller 78, Misses Crockford 88, Mebius 86.
English Literature—Misses Mebius 87, Christie 80, Hicks 79.

ORDER OF MERIT.

1 Jeannette Mebius, 1344.
2 Mary A E Powell, 1322.
3 Ernest Arthur Powell, 1289.
4 George Allen Gardiner, 1255.
5 Robert Henry Johnston, 1214.
6 William Alexander Lawson, 1200.
7 Isabel Ramsay Christie, 1040.
8 Orvilla Northcott, 1030.
9 Grace Helen Fawcett, 1021.
10 Thomas Monroe Miller, 1017.
11 Christina Taylor Lorimer, 1012.

JUNIOR DIVISION, HIGH SCHOOL, TEACHER, E. OPPENHEIMER.

The pupils of this division were examined by Inspector Wilson in the following branches: Reading, writing, spelling, geography, English grammar, composition, English history, Canadian history, mental arithmetic, written arithmetic, mensuration, algebra, geometry, natural philosophy, book-keeping, Latin, French, anatomy, physiology and hygiene.

ORDER OF MERIT.

The following are the names of pupils in order of merit: Master C Carlyon, Master G Ashwell, Master G Elliott, Miss M Pickard, Miss A Williams, Master H Jackson, Miss L Byrnes, Master A Davey, Miss E Jesse, Miss E King, etc.

PROMOTIONS.

Promoted to Senior Division—Charles Ralph Carlyon, George H W Ashwell, George Robinson Elliott, Mary Newcomb Pickard, Ada Jane Williams, Richard Jackson, Lily Mabel Byrnes, Arthur Davey, Bernard Higson and Hesterman, Annettie Netherby.

PRIZE LIST.

Reading—Miss A Lee.
Writing—Miss L Byrnes.
Spelling—Misses E King, A Lee, Master B Heisterman, W Finlayson.
Geography—Masters G Ashwell, H Jackson, B Heisterman.
English Grammar—Misses L Byrnes, A Williams, Master C Carlyon.
Composition—Misses M Pickard, E Jesse, Master W Finlayson.
English History—Masters A Davey, G Elliott, G Ashwell.
Canadian History—Misses M Wilson, E Lorimer, Masters G Ashwell, A Davey.
Mental Arithmetic—Masters R Jackson, J Kinsman.
Written Arithmetic—Masters G Elliott, G Ashwell.
Mensuration—Masters G Ashwell, G Elliott.
Algebra—Masters B Jackson, G Partridge, Miss M Pickard.
Euclid—Masters G Ashwell, C Carlyon.
Natural Philosophy—Misses A Netherby, E Lorimer.
Book-keeping—Master C Carlyon, Miss A Williams, Miss A Netherby.
Latin—Master G Elliott, Miss M Pickard, Master W Finlayson.
French—Misses E Harrison, E Jesse.
Anatomy—Master C Carlyon, Misses M Wilson, Miss E Jesse.

PROGRAMME.

The following programme was presented in the afternoon: Opening chorus, "Song of Welcome." Recitation, "Barbara Fritchie," by Miss E King. Chorus, "The Light at Home." Solo, "I am Waiting" Miss M Pite. Boys' Paper, "Leisure Hour." Chorus, "Hunter's Song." Recitation, "Christmas Ballad," Miss Netherby. Solo, "Alas Those Chimes," Miss Harrison. Girls' Paper, "Girls' Own Paper." Chorus, "Music is a Blessing." Recitation, "Guilty or not Guilty," Miss E Edwards.

Miss A Hicks presided with her usual talent at the organ.

PRESENTATION.

The boys of the second division of the boys' school gave their teacher, Mr. D. E. Kerr, a pleasing surprise yesterday when they called him into the class room and presented him with a beautiful ink stand. The following address was read by Master Louis Hartnagle:

Victoria, Dec. 20th, 1888.

Mr D. E. Kerr:

Dear Teacher,—We desire to thank you for the help you have given us in our studies, for the patience you have exercised over us, and for the kindness you have always shown us since we have been in your class.

We beg to offer this inkstand as a small token of our esteem, and hope that you may long continue in the useful position of training the boys of Victoria.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,

Signed by the Pupils of the 2nd Division.

DEATH OF DR. J. L. HALL.

The Silent Reaper Gathers Another Victim.

At 12:45 o'clock to-day Dr. John L. Hall passed away at the family residence, Fort street. The deceased was born at Richmond Hill, near Toronto, in 1856, and resided in Blenheim, Ontario, for a number of years. He graduated in the Kentucky School of Medicine at Louisville, and subsequently entered the Royal College of Surgeons, London, where he also graduated. Three years ago the young man arrived in this city and practiced with his brother, Dr. F. W. Hall, in the Driard block. The deceased was married last year to Miss Fanny Beegan and leaves an aged mother in Toronto. The young man has been ailing for some time but was not considered dangerously unwell until last week. He has been a sufferer from Bright's disease of the kidneys, which assumed a serious type a few days ago. He leaves many friends in this city, whose sympathies go out to the bereaved widow, mother and brother in this the hour of their sad affliction.

SPORTING NOTES

The New Westminster and Vancouver football clubs will play a return match to morrow. The Vancouver boys have been practicing of late and it is not expected the Royal City Kickers will have such a picnic as they had at the last match.

The Nanaimo Rovers have accepted the challenge from New Westminster and the match will be played in the Black Diamond city probably on the 29th inst. It would have no doubt been more satisfactory to all concerned if the match had been played at Beacon Hill, where the boys would have had a fair show to throw themselves.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

H. M. STANLEY IS SAFE.

A Letter Received Conveying the Gratifying Intelligence---Big Rafts.

Another Whitechapel Murder--Smalley's Cable--The C. P. R. Going to Seattle.

Boston, Dec. 21—Arrangement are being made here for the formation of logs by the raft method. H. C. Robertson, of St. Johns, New Brunswick, builder of the famous Joggins raft, says that a raft consisting of about eight million feet is about to be built on the Washington Territory coast, whose destination is Valparaiso, and another to be sent to San Francisco. The former will consist principally of piling, and the latter will, in addition to big sticks, take along sufficient lumber for a mill to be built on Sansalito Bay. The capacity of this mill will be about 500,000 feet per day. It will be stocked entirely by rafts towed there from Washington Territory and Oregon.

STANLEY IS SAFE.

The West African telegraph Company has received the following dispatch from St. Thomas, dated Friday, 2 p, m.:

"I have just received the information that Henry M. Stanley, with Emin Pasha, has arrived in Aruwini. This news is reliable. Further details will follow." Parsons, Agent.

ANOTHER WHITECHAPEL MURDER.

London, Dec. 21—The dead body of an unknown woman was found yesterday in a popular district with an empty phial lying beside it. At first it was supposed the woman suicided by poison, but there was evidence produced at the autopsy to-day showing the stomach contained no poison. A small cord was found tied around the throat, which it was believed produced strangulation. It is thought death resulted from this cause. The unfortunate woman was not identified, but she was of the same class as those murdered by the so called Whitechapel fiend. Her body was still warm when discovered and it is thought to be impossible the woman could have committed suicide in an open thoroughfare where the body was found. It is believed she fell a victim to the miscreat who murdered and mutilated so many other women near the locality in which this crime occurred, and who seems to have adopted a new way of disposing of his victims.

SMALLEY'S LONDON CABLE.

New York, Dec. 21—G. W. Smalley's London cable to the *Tribune* says: "With reference to the British legation at Washington, that some kind of a compromise is now said to be in favor at the foreign office. Sir Jas. Ferguson's statement in the house of commons on Monday is seen to have made a bad impression. Sir Wm. Harcourt, whose attitude was both friendly and sensible, tried to enlarge it by assuming that there was no foundation for believing that no new minister would be sent while Mr. Phelps was President, but Sir James was unable to go an inch beyond the strict letter of Lord Salisbury's written instructions to him and declined to sanction this view. He repeated all that had been said, which was that no declaration of the intended delay had been make. This convinced the members of the house that Lord Salisbury meant to let the matter drift. They saw the danger of such a course sooner or later. The American minister must ask for explanations and must go home if none were forthcoming. It is, therefore, now suggested that Mr. Edwards shall return as *charge d' affairs*, and but for the Sackville incident Mr. Edwards, who was here on leave of absence, would already have returned. It is felt that to prevent his return is an affront possibly graver than the failure to send a successor to Lord Sackville. The latter is but an act of omission, but Mr. Edwards can only remain here by order of his superior, which is an act of commission. Many reasons might be given for not immediately appointing a new minister. The only possible reason for keeping Mr. Edwards away from his post is a desire to resent Lord Sackville's dismissal.

The success at Suakim may be more helpful to the government than the Unionist victory at Colchester. It puts an end to all notions of surrendering the port. The policy of surrender never was popular.

ALASKA'S IMMORALITY.

San Francisco, Dec. 21—President Sloss, of the Alaska Commercial Company, says there will be no trouble in disproving the charges of immorality against the employees of the company in Alaska by ex Government Agent Gavitt before the House Committee of Fisheries yesterday. He said: "We have affidavits of captains, officers and government agents which will be presented to the committee; also several witnesses who are personally cognizant of the true state of affairs, and the falsity of the accusations will be clearly shown."

TRIAL OF PROF. GOLFKEN.

Berlin, Dec. 21—The trial of Prof. Golfken for publishing Emperor Frederick's diary has been further postponed and will take place at Leipsic next March if his mind holds out. He has so far been refused release on bail and his confinement continues to make inroads on the health of his mind and body.

THE HONORABLE ARTILLERY COMPANY.

London, Dec. 20—In the House of Commons to-day Edward Stanhope, Secretary of War, denied that the Honorable Artillery Company's warrant had been withdrawn. The equipment in the possession of the company, which was the property of the State, has been withdrawn owing to the lack of discipline prevailing in the company. Stanhope said he hoped it would not be long before the corps will be satisfactorily reorganized.

THE SUSPENDED CALIFORNIA BANK.

New York, Dec. 20—Joseph V. Armier, assignee of the Pacific Bank of California, doing business at San Francisco, brought suit in the Supreme Court against the suspended California National Bank to recover $30,000 on two drafts each drawn by the defendants on the 15th inst. on Chase, of the National Bank of this city. The charge is made that the California National Bank obtained money by fraud, having a knowledge of its insolvency at the time the drafts or bills of exchange were drawn by it. Judge Andrews, in the Supreme Court, granted an injunction against the bank's property in this state.

A WHIP'S FUNERAL.

London, Dec. 21—Yesterday beheld a spectacle this generation has never before witnessed, and which perhaps no generation any where else in the world could have produced. It was nothing less than a public funeral to J. E. Selby, the late whip of Brighton of the old times coach. His business in life was to drive four-in-hand. He did it perhaps better than any rival. He was ahead of his profession—to thousands he was a hero. Neither Queen nor government sent a delegate, but little else was wanting to make this a solemn ceremonial. The body lay in state and multitudes gathered about the house and filled one quarter of London. A division of police kept order. The funeral car was covered with costly and beautiful flowers. Eighteen coaches, three drays and some hundreds of private carriages and cabs formed a procession over a mile long. The Duke of Beaufort, Lord Ailesbury, Capt. Flitch Sagerhunt, M. P., Lord Grey Defolton, Lord Deerhurst, Col. North and many other persons of distinction were present as mourners or sent carriages or wreaths. Many a general or minister who had done the state a lasting service has gone to his grave attended with far less pomp and far less genuine regret.

C. P. R. AND LAKE SHORE.

Seattle, Dec 21—Vice-President Gilman, of the Seattle, Lake Shore & Eastern Railroad, says that he has seen Vice-President Van Horne, of the Canadian Pacific, in which the latter company accepts the Mission on the Fraser River, 145 miles due north from Seattle, as the point of the junction of the two roads. The Canadian Pacific will build fifteen miles to the boundary and the Seattle company will build the balance. The work will be pushed to completion by September 1st of next year and by a year from this date direct trains will be running from Seattle to Montreal.

WILL ATTACK HANDOUBT.

Suakim, Dec. 21—It is expected that General Grenfell will march up to Handoubt at once and again attack the dervishes if they make a stand.

DECISIVE BATTLE EXPECTED.

New York, Dec. 21—Advices from Port au Prince state that the army of Hippolyte, leader of the Insurgents is almost within sight of the city. The inhabitants are hurriedly throwing up a barricade and otherwise fortifying the city. A decisive battle is expected.

LETTER FROM STANLEY.

Zanzibar, Dec. 21—Letters dated Stanley Falls, Aug. 29th, have been delivered here by Tippo Tip's men. They state that a letter was received at Stanley Falls from Henry M. Stanley on August 29th. Stanley was then at Boney Ala, on the Aruwhimni river, where he had arrived August 17th. He had left Emin Pasha eighty-two days before in perfect health and provided with plenty of food. Stanley had returned to Boneyala for loads in charge of the rear guard and intended to leave in ten days to rejoin Emin. He reported all the whites in the expedition healthy and said the expedition wanted nothing.

PRISONERS OF WAR.

Suakim, Dec. 20 — Osman Digma's nephew and twelve Dervishes were made prisoners in to-day's fight. Many are wounded.

The Arab at Trinkitat who wounded to the battle and is a prisoner.

The *Times'* Suakim special says that the Arabs taken prisoners to-day tell stories of great privation and cruelty at the hands of the Mahdi and Osman Pasha. They say they were forced to fight or persuaded by promises of pillage. They know nothing of the alleged capture of Emin Bey or the fall of the Equatorial provinces. They assert that Handoub will fall at the first approach of the troops.

BRITTLE SABRES.

Suakim, Dec. 20—Complaints are being made regarding the quality of the sabres furnished the cavalry, three of which were broken in the attack. The men also complain that their movements are hindered by their heavy revolvers.

THE OWNERS OF "THE TIMES."

London, Dec. 20—Mr. Walter's plea in the case of Parnell *vs.* the *Times*, at Edinburgh, regarding the ownership of the *Times*, has caused a sensation. Mr. Walter said in his statement that he was only one of the owners of that paper; that there were many other owners, all of whom he did not know; but his solicitor, Mr. Somes, said that there were nearly 100 owners of the newspaper, including some members of the Walter family. He also stated that no contracts were made regarding the property, but that Mr. Walter was the managing partner. The plea, however, is deemed a quibble, and it is not thought that it will affect the case.

TELEGRAPHIC TICKS.

News of the World Condensed Into Pithy Paragraphs.

The case of Sydney O. Dunne, the alleged German spy, is being tried in secret at Paris. The trial excites much interest on the continent.

The navigation of the Nile, it is officially announced, is as easy this year as it has been formerly.

Four more executions have taken place under the recent decree of the Sultan.

The London *Telegraph's* St. Petersburg special states that having secured the placing of a Russian loan in France, by feigning a friendly interest in the Paris exhibition, the government has now instructed the press to ignore the subject.

The boy Husband, who was arrested on the charge of killing another boy named Searle, in the streets of Habant, near Portsmouth, a few weeks ago, has been acquitted of the crime. Husband is only eleven years old.

Referring to the disbandment of the Honorable Artillery Company, the London *Standard* says: Somebody has blundered. The country waits with a feeling of surprise for an explanation of the reasons for such extreme measures.

The Sultan will be warned not to continue his atrocities at Zanzibar. England will invite the consuls of other nations to co-operate.

In the House of Commons yesterday, the Hon. Edward Stanhope, Secretary of War, denied that the Honorable Artillery Co.'s warrant had been withdrawn. The equipment has been withdrawn owing to lack of discipline and he hoped before long to see the corps reorganized.

The Earl of Warwick is dying.

At Columbus, Ind., to-day, one man was killed and four fatally hurt by a boiler explosion in Emmet's spoke factory.

The President has nominated John Tyler Campbell, California, as consul to Foo Chow.

A rumor of a plot to assassinate President-elect Harrison, published by the N. Y. *Herald*, is pronounced ridiculous by the general's private secretary.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

Passengers Arriving.

Per Str. Princess Louise from Vancouver—J J S Mountain, S Taylor, W A Shannon, L Wolchin, Ed Carroll, J Robson, B Springer, L Bond, W R Freeman, John Robertson, I Chinese, Capt J Gialonin, G W Kincaid, Mrs B Springer, F Wornsop, H J Brady, Sara Hunt, H L Weldon, W L Troup, W B Smallfield, F Barnett, Jas L Farron, P Carey.

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Consignees.

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Per Str. North Pacific, from Puget Sound—J Packer, J Sommers.

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STUPID LAWS.

Mr. G. E. Prior, M. P., makes a good point, in a letter to a contemporary, on the anomalous state of the law in regard to "alterations" vs. "repairs" on wooden buildings within the fire limits. Mr. Prior was fined $50 for placing a couple of windows in a frame building, which he was about to use for a purpose requiring more light. If the same building had been an old and dilapidated structure, and had the roof tumbled in through an accumulation of moss, the owner might legally "repair" the damage, and some time after he could add a new front, and so on, as long as each "repair" did not exceed twenty-five per cent of the building. On the other hand, the cutting of a hole to admit a little daylight is an infraction of the by-law. This appears to us quite as ridiculous as the Indian and his whiskey. The poor, untutored savage caught with a bottle of whiskey in his possession is fined $25, the minimum penalty, but when a dusky brother is more tutored to white men's justice, and gets outside of the fire-water before being captured, he is rewarded for his cleverness and drunkenness by being fined $5. It is for the rectification of such incongruities as these that we require good men in the council. Mr. Prior's case is one of many incidents that might be given illustrative of the looseness of our municipal and provincial laws.

WESTMINSTER SOUTH ERN.

This enterprise is of more than local importance, as, according to the Engineering, it will complete the [illegible] railway system from Mexico to Canada. The city of New Westminster, remarks the same authority, has liberally bonded the company, and considering that the ratable property of the city was only $862,511, the bonus equals more than one-third of the total valuation and seems exceedingly, perhaps imprudently, liberal; but it is looked upon as a necessary investment, and the only means by which the city can retain its position. It is intended ultimately to bridge the Fraser, and for this a further bonus is promised, but as the river is 90 feet deep and very wide, this for the present is postponed, and the trains are to be crossed by a ferry. The New Westminster Southern will be 126 miles long from the Fraser River to Seattle, of which about 30 miles is in British Columbia and the remainder in the United States. The line runs through a wonderfully rich country. It is heavily timbered, 12,000 million feet of lumber being, it is estimated, within the two and a half miles belt of land donated to the railway. The company has also secured some valuable coal lands, with two known workable seams of coal, each three feet six inches in thickness, and they have immense beds of iron ore, said to be 156 feet in thickness and assaying 56 per cent of iron, practically inexhaustible, on their freehold. The agreement with the city of New Westminster was signed September 5, and provides that work shall be commenced within thirty days, be completed to the boundary in twelve months, and to Seattle within four years. At the end of the month the whole distance to the boundary was cleared of its timber, and the right of way had been secured, the contract for the grading was let, and the contractor expects to have the rails laid on this section by the end of March next.

AN EXTRAORDINARY SUIT.

The great patent suit of Webster vs. Higgins has been brought to a close at Washington, and in many respects it is the most remarkable case on the records of United States courts. The patent in suit was granted in 1872 to Wm. Webster, and referred to the placing and withdrawing of the wires used in forming the pile in Brussels carpet. The rights of the patentee were infringed and a company with $200,000 capital was formed to prosecute the infringers. The case now decided was brought against the Messrs. Higgins, and four years, from 1874 to 1878, were consumed in bringing it to final hearing, when it was decided in favor of the defendants and the patent held invalid. This decision after other four years was reversed by the U. S. Supreme Court and an accounting was ordered. Here the remarkable features of the case began to appear. Two years were devoted to it; the documents finally produced weighed two tons. Geo. Gifford, the leading counsel for the defense, died, and his son succeeded him in the management of the case. Roscoe Conkling was also retained by the prosecution. A claim was presented by the representatives of the patent right for over $28,750,000. One witness, an expert bookkeeper, was subjected to a cross examination extending over two years. Nearly 6,300 interrogatories were embraced in his testimony, the record of which covered between two and three thousand printed pages. The great claim was by this examination reduced to $1,500,000, an average of over $4,000 per question asked. Eleven days were consumed in the argument, and over a thousand pages of brief were handed the Master. His final decision practically throws out the patent in suit as an element for damages, and the Webster Company are awarded nothing. The eminence of the counsel and the visitations of death among them and the other parties also signalize the case. Messrs. George Gifford, Roscoe Conkling, Judge Hoar among the counsel, and the patentees and one of the original defendants, Mr. Nathaniel Higgins, are dead.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Scotsmen on this side of the Atlantic will learn with interest that the famous sword of Wallace, which has lain for nearly six hundred years in the Castle of Dumbarton, has been transferred to the Wallace monument, in the neighborhood of Sterling.

Mr. Maltby, who was stated in Wednesday's Times to have made a very favorable report on the coal deposits of Alberta and British Columbia, is an eminent English mining engineer and not an American. Mr. Maltby was employed by the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. to examine the country west of Winnipeg with special regard to its deposits of economic minerals, and the result has been highly satisfactory. He is satisfied not only that the coal area is of much larger dimensions than was previously supposed, but he has obtained positive evidence of the existence of iron ore and petroleum and in quantities that will ensure their profitable working in the near future.

A Saanich "farmer" pointedly refers to the late libel suit of Dunsmuir vs. The Times, and truthfully says that Mr. Dunsmuir might not be a bad sort of a man if left to himself. As a private citizen The Times has no quarrel with that gentleman; but as a member of the government we propose to deal with him in precisely the same manner that we deal with his extremely "honest" colleague, the Provincial Secretary, and the other members of the government. Mr. Vernon and Mr. Turner are not bad sort of fellows either in private life, but as public servants they can not claim immunity from criticism. Mr. Dunsmuir, on the other hand, imagines that he is lord of all he surveys, and that the entire press of the province should be subservient to him. Where he can not cajole he thinks he can coerce, as, for example, his persecution of The Times. The admission made by the Colonist that Theo. Davie did not exceed Mr. Dunsmuir's instructions when he empowered the sheriff to seize The Times plant, places the responsibility for that contemptible act upon the shoulders of the President of the Council, and there we are satisfied for it to remain. The views of "Farmer," we have good reasons for knowing, are entertained by hundreds throughout the rural districts. Having sown the wind, Mr. Dunsmuir will only have himself to blame if he is hereafter compelled to reap the whirlwind. There is a public sentiment, within and without Victoria, that is unpurchasable and that will not down at his bidding.

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dec20-1t T. FLAHERTY.

Estate of P. R. Smith.

A FINAL DIVISION OF PROCEEDS OF the estate of P. R. Smith will be made Monday, January 21, 1889. All claims against the estate to be in prior to above date.
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FOR COUNCILLOR.

To the Electors of Johnson Street Ward:

Ladies and Gentlemen—Having been solicited by a large number of electors to become a candidate for the position of councillor in Johnson street Ward, I have consented, and respectfully ask your votes and influence. You are already familiar with my record in the Council of 1885, and also as a business man. If elected I will, as in the past, act according to the best of my judgment to advance the interests of Victoria.
dec17 M. HUMBER.

THE MAYORALTY.

To Robert Ward, Esq., Victoria B. C.:

Sir,—We, the undersigned ratepayers of Victoria, beg to request that you will allow your name to be placed in nomination for the position of Mayor of the city of Victoria for the year 1889. The zeal you showed in a former council, in which you served for the interests of the city, and the ability you have displayed in the prominent position you now occupy as President of the Board of Trade, besides your own large interests in the city, lead us to hope that you will be disposed to take a leading part in the several important matters which will, we trust, be undertaken by the incoming council.

Should you accede to this request, we shall give you our hearty support.

Victoria, B. C., 11 December, 1888.

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To the Ratepayers whose signatures are attached to the above:

Gentlemen,—Replying to the above requisition, I have to thank you for the proffered honor of your support and influence to secure my election, as Mayor for the ensuing year.

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I shall doubtless be afforded an opportunity prior to the date of election, of publicly expressing my views on the various urgent matters which demand the attention of the incoming Council.

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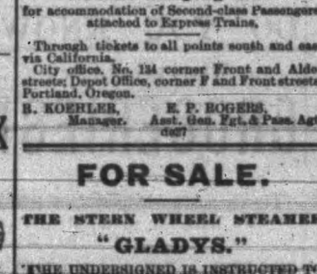

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ASK THE LAWYERS.

To the Editor of the Times:

Sir,—Can you explain how it was that at the licensing court on Saturday last, Mr. Taylor, of the firm of Eberts & Taylor, City Barristers, applied for the grant of a liquor license on behalf of John McCartney. I assume that the duty of the City Barristers is to advise the Mayor and corporation upon any legal points that may arise in connection with the granting of licenses. It is obvious that the City Barristers could not fulfill this duty in a case in which they themselves were applying for a license on behalf of a client. Their position in this case is certainly highly anomalous. Consistency.

To the Editor of The Times:

Sir,—I observe in your report of the case of Adams vs. Marvin that a witness who produced an abstract of a deed is described as "E. M. Johnson, Barrister." There happens to be no barrister of that name in British Columbia, and the form of the abstract shews that it could not have been prepared by a professional lawyer, nor even by a

Law Student.

SAANICH OPINION.

To the Editor of The Times:

Sir,—It may appear superfluous for our party to make any remarks in reference to the late libel suit between The Times and the Hon. R. Dunsmuir. Although living in the country that does not deter many of us from taking a lively interest in regard to everything in which we are all more or less concerned in. You, Mr. Editor, may have erred in your zeal for the good of the country and overstepped the bounds a trifle. You suffered the penalty and that should suffice; but it appears that this did not suffice. Your persecutors intended holding high carnival over your prostrate form by following up their advantage by a scrubby and cowardly act. This only goes to show that it is possible for some men to be possessed by all the debasing faculties which humanity is heir to. We have in our simplicity a notion that the Hon. Mr. Dunsmuir would be satisfied without his pound of flesh, and we have that notion still. But the gentleman has got mixed with peculiar company, and this explains to us many things which otherwise appear unaccountable. In reading some of the *Colonist* articles some one is inclined to charge you with hounding the said gentleman to death. If this had a particle of truth in it it would be preferable to being fawned to death. Such adulation and servility on the side of the party in power to one man is tiresome and nauseating even to the person himself. Many of us know the Hon. Mr. Dunsmuir well, and we think if left to himself it would be difficult to find a nobler character, but he must have a mind of more than ordinary stability not to be more or less affected by such homage and flattery. When they tell us everything is done by the above mentioned out of patriotic motives, and that he is almost a martyr for the country's good, it's all nonsense and tomfoolery. Now, I generally read such on an empty stomach. However, setting this matter aside, you will know in the future the material you have to deal with. There may be some good stock in the government orchard, but the fruit would indicate there is also a good many scrubs. The latter you have generally to contend with. A Farmer.

WINDOWS OF THE SOUL.

The Spiritual Sense Implies the Existence of a God.

Rev. W. D. Grant, of New York (who is a brother of Mayor Grant of this city), occupied the pulpit in the Central Presbyterian Church, Toronto, in the absence of Rev. Dr. McTavish. He is a very eloquent gentleman. At the evening service he took for his text Psalm 34, verse 8: "O taste and see that the Lord is good."

All the powers possessed by man were not enumerated when the five senses mentioned. Those five senses were a part of his physical nature, but man was above everything else a religious being, and he had his spiritual as well as his physical powers. The verse in the psalm was addressed to the spiritual side of man's nature. Even in the breast of the savage there were yearnings and longings which could not be satisfied by any of the five senses. Just as a tree needed light and sunshine and was unconscious to the need, so it was with the finite man. Some were drawn to Christ by the deep sense of need, as was the case with Nicodemus. Man was an animal among animals, but he was also something more. He was a spiritual being and there could be no real growth as long as the spiritual side of his nature was neglected. All the windows of the soul must be opened Heavenward, for life without God is poverty and death. If there was no God man had been created with superfluous faculties and had been mocked. The spiritual sense in man could not have survived as it had, had there not been something on which it could live. The scientist might call that something what he liked, but Christians called that something God. Only men could feel the joys and pleasures and sorrows of the soul. Would we extinguish this divine craving if we could? If we followed the text, "O taste and see that the Lord is good," God would certainly reveal Himself to us God could not be known to reason like a mathematical problem. There must be trust, love and faith. God was not difficult to know if only approached in His own way.

The endorsement of German Syrup is unparalled. We will publish 1000 testimonials received during the last six months. Read them. May save your life.

Burlingham, N. Y., May 31, 1886.

G. G. Green, Dear Sir:—I am frequently troubled with severe colds, and the only remedy that will relieve me of them is your Boschee's German Syrup. I have used it for more than twelve years. It is a constant household companion with me. Our merchant here procured it first at my solicitation, and says he has sold a great many bottles. It is a very popular remedy in this section. Every person who has used it speaks in the highest terms of its merits. I do not know of a single case it has not cured. I first used it in Vermont, where I lived before coming here. I advise everyone to use it, as it is certainly the best cough medicine I have ever known. I have tried nearly all of them at different times.

Yours respectfully, Moses Gray,
Proprietor Grist Mill.

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—Holloway's Corn Cure is the medicine to remove all kinds of corns and warts, and only costs the small sum of twenty-five cents.

—A clear head is indicative of good health and regular habits. When the body is languid, and the mind works sluggishly, Ayer's Cathartic Pills will assist in the recovery of physical buoyancy and mental vigor.

—Mr. W. Cheney, with Russell, McDonald & Co., broke his wrist at Wellington yesterday. He was in the act of getting into his wagon, when his foot slipped and he fell to the ground.

—C. A. Livingstone, Plattsville, says: "I have much pleasure in recommending Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil, from having used it myself, and having sold it for some time. In my own case I will say for it that it is the best preparation I have ever tried for rheumatism."

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—A New Jersey man, aged 83, and a New Jersey woman, aged 76, have been married to decide a bet on Harrison's election. The giddy bride bet a wedding with the frisky groom that Harrison would not be elected.

—Among the warmest advocates of the use of Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery and Dyspeptic Cure are ladies formerly in delicate health, whose vigor and bodily regularity have been restored by it. Cases of debility of long standing, chronic biliousness, weakness of the back and kidneys, feminine ailments, and obstinate types of nervous indigestion, are overcome by it.

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Patent Leather Dancing Shoes at Erskine's Boot and Shoe Emporium, corner Government and Johnson streets.

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Four valuable prizes, consisting of two Gold Watches, one Silver Tea Set and Tray and one Diamond Ring will be given away. For every $5 in cash invested in a purchase in our store from this date to the 1st January, 1889, the purchaser will be entitled to one chance in the above guessing match. We have made the mistake in overstocking ourselves this season in every branch in the jewelry line, fine goods particularly, and have chosen this method to turn them into cash regardless of profits, giving our customers the above advantage in return. Notice of the distribution of the above prizes will be given.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

MISCELLANEOUS.

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MUNICIPAL.

BY-LAW
Respecting Street Railways.

WHEREAS, by certain articles of agreement bearing date the twentieth day of November, A. D., 1888, certain powers and privileges were granted by the Corporation of the City of Victoria to J. Douglas Warren, Andrew Gray, Thomas Shotbolt, Joseph Hunter and David Williams Higgins, and which said agreement is in the words and figures following:

Memorandum of agreement made and entered into this 20th day of November between the Corporation of the City of Victoria (hereinafter called the corporation) of the first part and J. Douglas Warren, Andrew Gray, Thomas Shotbolt, Joseph Hunter and David Williams Higgins, (hereinafter called the parties of the second part). Whereas the parties of the second part are desirous of forming a company for the purpose of constructing, completing and maintaining a proposed line of tramways, or street cars, in the said City of Victoria, and for making, doing and building all the acts, deeds, works and things necessary for the construction, completion and maintenance of such proposed line, and for that purpose have requested the Corporation to grant them certain rights, powers and privileges, and to permit them to make, do and perform and build certain acts, deeds, things and works which the Corporation have agreed to do. Now these presents witness that in consideration of the premises and of the covenants hereinafter contained, the Corporation hereby covenant with the parties of the second part, and the parties of the second part hereby for themselves jointly and severally covenant with the Corporation as follows:

1. That it shall be lawful for the parties of the second part to lay a single or double line of rails in the centre of the streets mentioned in the schedule hereto for the purpose of a tramway or a line of street cars, and for that purpose to enter into and upon said streets, and to do all necessary excavations and alterations upon and to grade said streets.

2. That it shall be lawful for the parties of the second part to erect poles and to lay overhead wires along all or any of the said streets and roads of the municipality of the City of Victoria for the supply of electricity for lighting and motor purposes and for any other electrical purpose, and for the purpose of the erection of such poles and the laying of such wires to enter upon any such streets and roads and to make such excavations and to do such acts and things as may be necessary.

3. That it shall be lawful for the parties of the second part to run cars along and over any streets in the said schedule mentioned and along and over any street or streets in which the parties of the second part may at any time have power to lay a line of tramways, and also that it shall be lawful for the parties of the second part to propel and run such cars either by electricity, gas, compressed air or horse power.

4. That the parties of the second part shall have power to extend the said single or double tracks, and to erect poles for lighting and motor and other electrical purposes along any of the said streets or such other streets as may be deemed necessary from time to time, and for that purpose shall have power to make excavations upon, and to have the power of grading such streets, and all other rights and powers necessary for such extension.

5. That the parties of the second part shall have power to lay sidings along any of the said streets and to take up and replace the said tracks, or any part thereof, and to repair the same, and for these purposes, or any of them, to enter upon the said streets and to excavate and do any other act or thing necessary.

6. That the parties of the second part shall have the rights and powers necessary and it shall be lawful for them to allow their cars and horses (if the same be used) to stand upon the said streets at certain points or places which shall be chosen by the parties of the second part as "stations" for such length of time as the parties of the second part shall deem fit.

7. That the parties of the second part shall have all other powers and rights necessary for the purpose of constructing such lines or tracks and of repairing, altering and maintaining same and for the purpose of erecting the said poles and of laying the said wires, and of repairing, altering and maintaining same all power and rights necessary for the erection of such buildings and the construction, alteration, maintenance and repair of all or any other works necessary for the purpose of such tramway and the transaction of any electrical business and all powers and rights necessary for the purpose of running and conducting an efficient line of street cars or tramways.

8. That the parties of the second part shall (if they intend to construct the said tramways or lines) commence the construction of the said tracks or tramway lines not later than the 1st day of October, 1889, and shall complete, and have thoroughly equipped and in running order for the carriage of passengers four miles of such track or tramway lines by the first day of July, 1890.

9. That the parties of the second part shall and will at all times during the construction of such tracks or tramway lines, or the erection of such poles and the laying of such wires, and during any repair or alteration of the same, take due and proper precautions for the safety of foot and other passengers, and of horses and carriages passing along the said streets, or any of them, on which such construction, alteration or repair is being performed.

10. That after the construction of such tracks or tramway lines or after the completion of any repair addition or alteration to the same, and also after the erection of such poles and the laying of such poles, wires or any alteration repair or addition thereto, the parties of the second part shall and will repair and amend the said streets and leave them in as good a condition as they shall be in at the time of the commencement of such construction, alteration, repair or amendment so far as the same is compatible with the construction of such tracks or tramway lines or the erection of such poles and the laying of such wires, such work of reparation and amendment of the said streets to be done to the approval of the City Surveyor or some other competent person, to be approved of by the Corporation.

11. That the parties of the second part shall not, whilst they are running any cars over the said streets, under the powers hereinbefore given them, charge more than a maximum fare of 5 cents per head for a single trip over their said lines or any of them.

12. That the powers, permissions, authorities, rights and privileges, hereinbefore contained are granted by the Corporation to the parties of the second part for the term of 30 years from the time of the passing of any by-law authorising the execution of this contract, and that the obligations hereinbefore imposed upon the parties of the second part shall be binding upon them so long as they shall run the said tramways or cars under the powers heinbefore given them.

13. That if the parties of the second part shall under the powers hereinbefore contained, commence the construction of such tracks or tramway lines and shall not have four miles of the same thoroughly equipped and in running order for the carriage of passengers by the first day of July, 1890, it shall be lawful for the Corporation to enter into and upon and take possession of all tracks and rails laid and all poles erected and wires laid by the parties of the second part, and thereupon the title of the parties of the second part to such tracks and rails, poles and wires, shall absolutely determine and cease and the same shall become forfeited to the Corporation absolutely, any rule of law or equity to the contrary notwithstanding. But not upon the Corporation exercising this last power all the liabilities of the parties of the second part under this contract shall cease and this contract shall thenceforth be null and void, and any by-law to be made touching this agreement may be repealed.

14. That nothing in this present contract contained shall be deemed to confer or be construed as conferring any exclusive privileges, rights or powers on or to the parties of the second part.

15. That all works necessary for constructing and laying down the several railway tracks shall be made in a substantial manner and according to the best modern practice, and under the supervision of the City Surveyor, or such other officer as the Council shall appoint for that purpose.

16. If horses are used the roadway between and within at least eighteen inches from and outside of each rail shall be paved or macadamized and kept constantly in repair by the said parties to the second part, who shall also be bound to construct and keep in good repair crossings of a similar nature to those at present or that may be adopted by the Corporation over the streets traversed by the said railway, at the intersection of every such railway track and crossings, whether at cross streets or otherwise.

17. The tracks shall conform to the grade of the said streets on which they are laid, as furnished by the City Surveyor or such other officer as aforesaid, and shall not in any way change or alter the same.

18. The location of the line of street railway in any of the streets shall not be made until the plans thereof, showing the position of the rails and other works in each street shall have been submitted to and approved of by the City Surveyor or such other officer as aforesaid.

19. The city authorities shall have the right to take up the streets traversed by the rails, either for the purpose of altering the grades thereof, constructing or repairing drains, or for laying down, removing or repairing water or gas pipes or electrical conduits of any kind, and for all other purposes within the province and privileges of the Corporation without being liable for any compensation or damages that may be occasioned to the working of the railway or to the works herein contemplated.

20. The rail to be employed by the said railway shall be the flat rail, such as is now generally used for the present system of electrical or horse-car railways.

21. Each car employed on the said railway shall be numbered.

22. The cars shall run over the whole of the streets mentioned in the schedule hereto, on which the said tracks are laid, at least 15 hours in summer and 15 hours in winter on each day and at intervals of not less than 10 minutes.

23. The speed of the cars shall never exceed 10 miles an hour.

24. The conductor or other person in charge of each car shall announce to the passengers the names of the streets as the cars reach them.

25. The cars shall be used exclusively for the carriage of passengers.

26. The parties of the second part shall be liable for all damages arising out of the construction or operation of the works herein contemplated.

27. If the said parties of the second part neglect to keep the tracks or roadway between same or crossings, between and on each side of the rails in good condition or to have the necessary repairs made therein as aforesaid, the City Surveyor or other proper officer shall give notice thereof, requiring such repairs to be made forthwith, and if not made within a reasonable time the said City Surveyor or other officer as aforesaid may cause the repairs to be made and the amount so expended by the Corporation may be recovered against the said parties of the second part in any court of competent jurisdiction.

28. That before breaking up, opening or interfering with any of the said streets for the purpose of constructing the said railway, the said parties to the second part will give or cause to be given to the said Corporation, at least 30 days notice of their intention and that no more than 2500 feet of the said streets shall be broken up or opened at any one time, and that when the work thereon shall have been commenced and the same shall be proceeded with steadily and without interruption, and as rapidly as the same can be carried on, due regard being had to the proper and efficient construction of the same.

29. That during the construction of the said railways, due and proper care shall be taken to leave sufficient space and crossings so that the traffic and travel on the said streets, and other streets intersecting same, shall not be unnecessarily impeded, and lights burning or watchman provided and kept by the said parties of the second part, when and where required, to prevent accidents to the public.

30. That the tracks of said street railway, or railways, shall not exceed five feet in width and shall be flush with the street, so as to offer as little obstruction as possible to vehicles crossing the same, and that it shall and may be lawful to and for all and every person and persons whomsoever to travel upon and use the said tracks with their vehicles, loaded or empty, when and so often as they may please, provided they do not impede or interfere with the cars of the said parties of the second part running thereon and subject at all times to the right of the said parties of the second part (their executors, administrators and assigns) to keep the said tracks with the said cars when meeting or overtaking any other vehicle thereon.

31. That the said parties of the second part shall and will at all times employ careful, sober and civil agents, conductors or drivers, to take charge of the cars upon the said railways, and that the said parties of the second part and their agents, conductors and drivers shall and will from time to time and at all times during the continuance of this franchise and the exercise of the rights and privileges hereby conferred, operate the said railways and cause the same to be worked under such regulations as the Council of the City of Victoria may deem necessary and requisite for the protection of the persons and property of the public, and provided such regulations shall not infringe on the privileges granted to the said parties of the second part hereby.

32. That the wire along which the trolleys run shall be at a distance of not less than eighteen feet above the street.

33. That the parties of the second part in addition to the powers hereinbefore expressed, may lay, construct and operate a single line of street railway, over and along any bridge in the city, the tracks of such railway in any bridge to be flush with the flooring of the same; provided, however, that the said parties of the second part shall furnish and lay at their own expense a new flooring over the whole of any bridge so crossed; and provided also that the location of any such bridge line and the work done therein and the material provided therefor shall be to the satisfaction of the City Surveyor or such other officer as aforesaid.

34. That the poles used for supporting the electrical conduits shall not be inferior in appearance to those on the day of the date hereof used in Government street in the City of Victoria by the Telephone Company.

In witness whereof the parties of the second part have hereto set their hands and seals and the Corporation has caused the corporate seal of the City of Victoria to be hereto affixed.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of

Signed
(R. Sinclair.) J. D. Warren,
(R. Sinclair.) Andrew Gray,
(D. W. Higgins.) Thos. Shotbolt,
(D. W. Higgins.) Joseph Hunter,
(Wm. Hammond.) D. W. Higgins.
(L. S.)

SCHEDULE.

Fort Street to city boundary line east.

Yates Street to Fort Street boundary line east.

MUNICIPAL.

Johnson Street (part).
Pandora (all).
Cook, North Park and Pioneer Streets.
Douglas Street to northern boundary of city limits.
Hillside Avenue.
Store, Discovery and Constance Streets.
Rock Bay Bridge to Work Street.
Bridge Street.
Government Street and James Bay Bridge.
Belleville, St. Lawrence, Menzies and Erie Streets to outer wharf.
Simcoe Street to Beacon Hill Park.

Be it therefore enacted by the Municipal Council of the City of Victoria as follows:

1. That the said agreement hereinbefore recited shall be and the same is hereby ratified and confirmed, and the said J. Douglas Warren, Andrew Gray, Thomas Shotbolt, Joseph Hunter and David Williams Higgins and their assigns are hereby authorized to lay down and construct street railways on the streets mentioned in the schedule to the said agreement, and to operate the same under the conditions, provisions and restrictions (and not otherwise) in the said agreement contained, and such other regulations as are herein set forth,

2. Before the said street railway is put into operation, the said J. Douglas Warren, Andrew Gray, Thomas Shotbolt, Joseph Hunter and David Williams Higgins and their assigns shall submit to the Corporation of the City of Victoria, for their approval, the rules and regulations for the government and guidance of the conductors, brakemen and drivers upon the said railways, and others connected with the working thereof, which said rules and regulations when approved of by the Council, shall be posted in some conspicuous place in each car or carriage.

3. The cars and carriages of the said J. Douglas Warren, Andrew Gray, Thomas Shotbolt, Joseph Hunter and David Williams Higgins or their assigns, while running on the said railways or any of them, shall have the right to use the said railways as against all vehicles whatsoever, and all other such vehicles using the said railways whether meeting, or proceeding in the same direction as the said cars or carriages, shall turn out of the said track of the said railways and permit the said cars and carriages to pass, and shall in no case and under no pretence whatever obstruct or hinder the passage thereof and the full use of the said railways by the said cars and carriages of the said J. Douglas Warren, Andrew Gray, Thomas Shotbolt, Joseph Hunter and David William Higgins or their assigns.

4. The Corporation of the City of Victoria reserves the right to grant permission to any person or persons or bodies corporate to cross and recross the lines of railway to be constructed on the streets mentioned in the said schedule or any other streets that may be hereafter used by the said J. Douglas Warren, Andrew Gray, Thomas Shotbolt, Joseph Hunter and David Williams Higgins or their assigns, but nothing in this section mentioned shall be deemed to restrict the generality of section fourteen of the said agreement.

This By-Law may be cited as "The Street Railway By-Law, 1888."

Passed the Municipal Council the 21st day of November, A. D., 1888.

Reconsidered and finally passed the Council this 5th day of December, A. D., 1888.

JOHN GRANT, Mayor.

Wellington J. Dowler, C. M. C.

MUNICIPAL.
REAL ESTATE TAX.

TAXPAYERS ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that any Real Estate Tax due and payable if paid on or before the 31st day of December inst., they will be entitled to an abatement of one-sixth of the amount thereof.

S. Duck,
Assessor and Collector.
City Hall, Victoria, B. C., 8 Dec., 1888. dell

NOTICE.

Estate of Thomas John Williams, late of Cowichan, deceased.

All persons indebted to the above estate are required to pay the amounts due forthwith; and all persons having claims are requested to send the same to

THORNTON FELL,
Solicitor to the Administratrix.
Victoria, 26th November 1888. no27-1m

NOTICE.

CENTRAL COAL YARD.

Notice is hereby given that the coal business carried on at this yard has been discontinued from this date.

Victoria B. C., 19th October 1888.

NOTICE.

Estate of Thomas Ings, deceased.

All persons indebted to the above estate are required to pay the amounts due forthwith, and all persons having claims against the said estate are requested to present the same to

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Victoria, 4th October, 1888. oct5tf

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—Edward M. Yarwood, of Nanaimo, has been appointed a notary public for the province.

—A child's perambulator was stolen on Wednesday night from W. C. Kerr's second-hand store on Yates street.

—At East Wellington on the 19th, Amos Godfrey and Sarah Jane David were married by Rev. J. B. Good.

—A special sitting of the selectors of jurors will be held at the court house, James Bay, on January 7th, 1889.

—The second case of Adams *vs.* Martin, involving the ownership of some city property, was settled out of court.

—The public offices of the Provincial Government will be closed on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week.

—The boys stealing copies of THE TIMES in the northern part of the city will be brought before the police magistrate if they continue their bad habits.

—A man named Adams was taken into the lock-up to-day for safe-keeping. The man is a cabinet-maker and appeared to be of unsound mind. He was taken to the hospital.

—The Supreme Court will have a vacation from Monday, the 24th inst., to Saturday, January 5th, inclusive. During that period no pleadings will be delivered or actions tried.

—The militia department has consented to supply the Westminster Rifles with new clothing, and the latest pattern will be issued, which will be a great improvement on the obsolete style of clothing now in use in British Columbia.

—From Comox we learn that a freshet has occurred in the Courtenay River, after two week's incessant rain. A portion of the bridge at Urquhart's was washed away, the road at the junction of the two rivers was destroyed and the lower part of the settlement was submerged.

—Don't spend all your spare cash for Xmas presents, but reserve a few dollars for the A. O. F. dance at the Assembly Hall next Friday. Prof. Baernstein, assisted by the finest musical talent, has been engaged, and Mine Host Anderson, of the Clarence, will cater for the eating department.

—One of the men arrested on the alleged charge of till-tapping applied for permission to be allowed out on bail. He claimed to be a married man and has a bank-book in which he has a sum of money entered. The magistrate would not fix any bail and the men were taken to the Provincial gaol to await trial.

POLICE COURT.

(Before City Police Magistrate Richards, Q. C.)

John Clarke, on remand from the 20th, charged with vagrancy, failed to appear. Sergt. Walker said the man went to the American side. His Honor recorded imprisonment for one month against Clarke should he return.

The Electric Illuminating Company were summoned for infracting the building by-law. Mr. Taylor asked for a remand until to-morrow. Being solicitor for the Company and City Barrister he could not appear for either party and made the request to allow the corporation and company time to procure counsel. Remand granted.

Charles Jenkinson was summoned for alleged infraction of the building by-law. Mr. Taylor, of Messrs. Eberts & Taylor, appeared for the city. Officer Thomas deposed that defendant erected three partitions in a wooden building on Fort street, beneath Mr. Hastings' photo gallery. The partitions are about three feet high and are not nailed to the floor. P. J. Leach, city building inspector, said he saw the partitions last Wednesday; an alteration was made in the building (sketch submitted). The risk of fire was increased by the partitions; there is about 1500 feet of lumber in the alteration; defendant said he would make movable partitions like any piece of furniture; although the partition was not nailed it was jammed against the wall so tightly that it was a fixture; one partition would not stand alone. Chas. Hayward said he erected the building before it was within the fire limits; a partition was removed from the building some time ago; a screen has been put across, made of tongued and grooved lumber. The screen was not a fixture and was not nailed. Geo. Carpenter said he leased the building for three years and would not have taken the place unless the screens were put in.

His Honor said the case would be dismissed. No man could place shelving or anything else in his premises if he is convicted for erecting a wooden screen. It would be carrying the law too far and interfering with private rights.

Mr. Taylor said it seemed harsh to fine a man for putting in a window and allow a case to be dismissed where a party places partitions in a building.

Maxwell LeClaire was charged by officer Lovin with aggravated assault. The defendant did not appear. A warrant was issued.

Frank Edwards, Henry Mack and Wm. Ward, on remand on a charge of robbery. Mr. Taylor appeared for the defense.

William Marshall, barkeeper at the Pritchard House, stated that on Wednesday evening saw prisoners on Fort street; after going to the postoffice witness returned and saw two of the prisoners outside Mrs. Bickford's store and a few minutes after witness saw one of the men come out of Mrs. Bickford's store.

Prisoners were committed for trial.

A Gentle Hint.

The heavy decline of $4 per ton in the price of coal in San Francisco should affect the price here to the extent of $2 per ton at least. Such a reduction would be very welcome to consumers.—*Columbian.*

Incoming Passengers.

San Francisco, Dec. 21—Passengers by the steamer Umatilla for Victoria: B Mathews, M Powers, R J Ferguson, W A Rose, S J Leon, D Tulloch and H A Tulloch.

Waterworks Extension.

It is rumored that the Capilano Waterworks Company will, in a few weeks, commence the survey of a pipe line from Vancouver to Westminster for the purpose of laying mains to supply the latter city.

The Islander.

The fine steamer Islander left the harbor for Esquimalt at 9:30 o'clock this morning. She went into the dry dock at 12:30 without any trouble. On the 30th inst. the steamer will be placed on the Victoria-Vancouver route.

Encampment Officers.

At a regular meeting of Vancouver Encampment No. 1, held on last Monday evening the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: C. P., Jas. Pope; H. P., M. G. Blanchard; S. W., J. E. Phillips; J. W., W. H. Flewin; Scribe, H. Waller; Treasurer, R. Roberts.

Going Ahead.

Notwithstanding the great opposition to the Southern Railway project, arrangements for its construction, says the *Columbian*, are proceeding rapidly. The contract for 50,000 ties has been let and a contract for half a mile of the crib work will be commenced by Mr. Leamy early next year. Five hundred men are engaged to begin work on Jan. 3rd, if the weather will permit.

New Residence.

Mr. W. J. Macaulay, formerly of Winnipeg and St. Paul, where he accumulated wealth in the lumber trade, has come to settle here with his family, and, it is said, to embark in the lumbering business. He has purchased a piece of ground near Beacon Hill and will erect a handsome $12,000 residence thereon. Bishop & Sherbourne, contractors, are now putting up stables and outbuildings on the property.

Party at Esquimalt.

A large party of invited guests went around to Esquimalt last evening on the steamer Pilot. They were landed at the Esquimalt wharf and proceeded to the Globe Hotel, where a pleasant evening was spent by Capt. Christenson's guests. Mine host Fisher, of the Globe Hotel, provided an excellent repast, and dancing was indulged in until the wee sma' hours. The party returned to the city much pleased with the trip.

New Restaurant.

Leonard Cousins has opened a restaurant in the building on Johnson street, recently erected by Mr. Lelaire. White labor only is employed and the price of good meals is so low, 24 meal tickets for $4, that it is to the interest of workingmen to give Mr. Cousins a call. The new restaurant is opposite Store street, on Johnson street. The fittings are all new and a visit during the holidays will prove that Mr. Cousins is a caterer worthy of patronage.

Temperance Social.

Perseverance Lodge No. 1, I. O. G. T., held an entertaining invitation social last evening in Temperance Hall, Pandora street. The large meeting room was filled with guests of the Good Templars and a few happy hours were passed in a most enjoyable manner. Refreshments were served and a programme of instrumental and vocal music was carried out which reflected creditably on the amateur talent of the ladies and gentlemen connected with the flourishing lodge.

Saanich Social.

A large number of ladies and gentlemen attended the church social held in the Agricultural Hall, South Saanich, on Wednesday evening. The entertainment consisted of recitations, vocal and instrumental music. A farce entitled "Box and Cox" was performed in a creditable manner. The remainder of the evening was spent in dancing to the music furnished by Messrs. Haynes and Pauline. A handsome sum was realized for the purchase of bells for the district churches.

Death of Thos. Mortimer.

John Mortimer, of the Courtney street granite works, received a letter from California informing him of the death of his younger brother at Nordoff, Ventura county, California. The deceased, Thos. Mortimer, was 28 years of age and was preparing for the ministry at the time of his death, which was caused by that fell disease, consumption. The young man was an exemplary Christian and was well known in this city. He left Victoria some three years ago to enter a college in San Francisco and was ordered to Ventura county by his medical advisers. His death was a sad blow to his sorrowing relatives and will be a great loss to the ministry.

The Modern Dick Turpin.

The police were called out again last evening to stop a quarrel in a house of ill-fame in Trounce alley occupied by a notorious woman named May Williams. The cause of the disturbance was a young man named Edward Hodges who has been prominently before the public for some time past in connection with disturbances and other acts which stamp him as a bad character. When the police arrived at the house the man succeeded in evading arrest by clearing out by a back door and climbing over the fences. It is reported that the women is to blame for numerous quarrels in the locality; she was fined $50 in the police court a few days ago for keeping a house of ill-fame.

RAILWAY CONNECTION.

The C. P. R. to Build a Branch at Once from the Mission.

A telegram received in this city to-day from President Van Horne of the Canadian Pacific Railway states that a branch turning off at the Mission will be at once commenced and built towards the south to meet the Seattle & Lake Shore Railway at the boundary line. This news is confirmed by a dispatch from Seattle in this issue.

RUNAWAY WITH.

A Lady and Gentleman Have an Exciting Experience.

The lower end of Main street, says a Riverside, California, paper, was the scene of a very exciting runaway. Mr. Innis and daughter, tourists from Victoria, B. C., were the occupants of a hack which drew up in front of the Rowell. The driver got down from his seat to open the door, when the horses started to run. The driver caught the lines and was dragged across the street, when the lines broke, releasing the now thoroughly frightened team. The horses dashed madly down Main and Eleventh streets, the hack swaying back and forth, until they came to Walnut and collided with a tree in the door-yard of Mr. Button. The pole was broken and the horses stopped. The thoroughly frightened young lady was brought back to the hotel by Mr. Frazier. The shock was very severe and it was some time before she calmed down. The old gentleman didn't seem at all agitated, but took the matter very coolly. Their escape from at least a distressing accident was almost miraculous, as the horses had no one to control them at all.

YOUNG MEN'S INSTITUTE.

An Entertaining Programme for This Evening's Performance.

The entertainment this evening at Philharmonic Hall under the auspices of Y. M. I. No. 85, promises to be one of the events of the holiday season. The programme will commence with a concert, in which the following ladies and gentlemen will take part: C Battery band; solo, S. W. Gray; dialogue, Messrs. Brock and Early; song and dance, Eddy Dillon; solo, F. H. Lang; banjo and harmonica duet, H. McDowell and W. Short; recitation, Miss Hyams; cornet solo, Sergeant Proctor; comic song, P. Murphy. The second part will consist of W. R. Floyd's comic Irish drama entitled, "Handy Andy," with the following

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Oonah Rooney	Miss Jennie Hord
Fanny Dawson	Miss E. E. Deasy
Squire Egan	F. H. Lang
Edward O'Conner	W. McIntyre
Squire O'Grady	T. Major
Mr. Murphy	Staff Sergt. Hewlett
Furlong	E. E. Smith
Dick Dawson	W. Deasy
Simon	J. Ahern
Farrell McQuare } Footpads	T. Hodges, T. Bourke

THE ACROBATIC JAPS.

An Excellent Performance Given Last Evening in the Theatre.

The performance given in the Victoria Theatre last evening by the Japanese acrobats who arrived from the Orient last week on the steamship Batavia, was witnessed by a top-heavy house. The feats performed by the small and wirey Japs were wonderful performances of strength, agility and endurance. The performers were all dressed in their national costumes, which greatly enhanced the scene. The performance opened with one of the Japs manipulating a cask with his feet while lying on his back. The cask was turned and spun around in every conceivable manner, the feet being manipulated with as much ease as the hands. A small Jap contorted himself into many different shapes, his spine being as supple as if made of India rubber. One of his feats was bending over backwards and picking a fan off the floor with his teeth. The balancing feats were particularly good, the ladder acts being especially commendable, and holding the audience entranced. The performance was well worthy of a full house and none should miss seeing them before they leave the city. Another performance will be given this evening with a change of programme.

TILL TAPPING.

Four Business Houses Robbed on Wednesday Evening.

Sneak thieves entered Julius Barron's store on Wednesday afternoon and made an attempt to open the safe which stands in the north side of the store. Mr. Barron was making Christmas sausages in an adjoining room and heard some one turning the combination. He went into the store and saw the thieves run out of the door to the street. From Mr. Barron's the thieves passed on to Mr. Lambkin's fruit store where they took a small fruit tin in which Mr. Lambkin kept a number of nickels and ten cent pieces. The tin was found in an adjoining alley above the fruit store. The next place visited was John Drout's grocery and baker shop at the corner of Johnson and Blanchard streets. The money drawer was taken from the counter and placed on top of a number of flour sacks. In the drawer the thieves found about eight dollars in silver. They next visited Mrs. Bickford's on Fort street, where the thieves secured $10 25 in silver. The three men arrested on Thursday, were seen by a boy named Gabriel loitering around Mrs. Bickford's store. When the police heard of the robberies they went to work with commendable promptitude and located the men in the Colonial Hotel. They are confirmed opium fiends and are well known to the police of Seattle.

SPRING RIDGE SCHOOL.

Examination This Morning—Satisfactory Showing—Promotions.

The examination of Spring Ridge school, the latest established of the ward schools, took place this morning. Notwithstanding the unfavorableness of the weather several visitors were present, including Inspector Wilson, Trustees Wolfenden, Heisterman and Erskine, the Rev. Dr. Reid and a number of ladies. The school room presented a pretty appearance with its tastefully arranged Christmas decorations, and the children, of whom there were some 70, were bright and tidy-looking. The exercises were of the same nature as those generally prepared for these occasions, reading and reciting being the special features. The reading was very good, the prizes for it being awarded with some difficulty. The school, generally, is in a flourishing condition, of which the fact that little Miss Mitchell carried off the Provincial Secretary's prize for highest proficiency in all the ward schools, is the best evidence. After the prizes had been presented Inspector Wilson, the trustees and Dr. Reid addressed the school, paying the children and Miss Horton, the teacher, very high compliments for the good showing they had made. Rev. Dr. Reid at the close of his usual welcome remarks announced that he would give a prize at the midsummer examinations for writing, whereupon all the gentlemen present felt called to emulate his example and show their appreciation of the the teachers' efforts. The following persons offered prizes to be competed for by the ward schools: Lieut.-Colonel Wolfenden, for reading; H. F. Heisterman, for arithmetic; Dr. Reid, for writing; H. A. Munn, (TIMES) for mental arithmetic; R. Erskine, for geography. The following visitors were present in addition to trustees and inspector: Rev. Dr Reid, Mrs Elliot, Mrs Robertson, Mrs Collis, Mrs and Miss Dods, Mrs Young, Mrs Shewan, Mrs Behnsen, Mrs Horton, Mrs J Smith, Mrs Carlow, Mrs Phillips, Mrs Welsh, Mrs Corder, Mrs Robbins, Mrs Creech, Mrs Kessler, Mrs Caselton, Mrs Thompson, Mrs Marston, Mrs Strong, Mrs Caldwell, Mrs M Carlow, Misses Forrest, Keast, Robinson, Armstrong, Munro, Cameron, Storey, Mr Kaye, W G Field, and several others.

PROMOTIONS.

From First Class to Central School—Elizabeth Michell, Jessie Peat, Florence Caselton.

From Second Class to First—Annie Clarke, Annie Thompson, Frank Carlow, Vallie Dalby, George Clarke, Harry Welsh, Florence Liddell, Maud Munsie, Fanny Carlow, Matilda Snider, Henry Hepworth.

From Third to Second—Quesnie Benson, Lulu Wall, Frank Thomson, Joseph Smith, Henry Field, Nettie Innes, Harry Munsie, Frank Smith, Thomas Michell.

From Fourth to Third—Annie Myrdal, Della Marston, Willie Creech, John Myrdal, Putman Vye, Ralph Welsh, Mabel Kessler, Ettie Caselton, Willie Slater, Pearl Winch, Clara Van Horst.

From Fifth to Forth—Thomas Marrion, Cora Clarke, Nellie Unwin, Sarah Breidjford, Ada Smith, Gideon Rowdon, Mamie Young, Charles Unwin, Garfield Vye, Harriet Axtell.

PRIZE LIST.

Elizabeth Michell—head of school prize presented by Hon John Robson.
Gertrude Collis, diligence and regular attendance.
Annie Myrdal, deportment.
Clara Van Horst, regular attendance.
Gertrude E Collis, reading, prize presented by Lieut-Col Wolfenden.
Ralph Welsh, spelling match, 1st prize.
Quesnie Behnsen, spelling match, 2nd prize.
Vallie Dalby, arithmetic.
Jessie Peat, diligence.
Florence Caselton, reading.
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PROGRAMME OF RECITATIONS.

Opening piece, Flossie Caselton. "The Christmas Tree Fairy," Jessie Pete. "Love Each Other," Ettie Caselton. "A Bird's Nest," Fred Jonasson. "Christmas Eve," Quesnie Behnsen. "Grandpa's Spectacles," Gertrude Collis. "Polly Put the Kettle On," Clara Van Horst. "Somebody," Elizabeth Michell. "Learn a Little Every Day," Annie Thompson. A Christmas Hymn, Maud Munsie, Mabel Kessler, Harry Welsh, Willie Corder.

PERSONAL.

Items Telling of the Movements of Well Known Persons.

Ald Clarke, of Vancouver, who has been in the city since Monday last, returns home in the morning.

Hon A B Humphreys, M P P for Comox, paid a visit to his constituency this week, returning to the city yesterday.

J A Humbird, W E Glover, E J Palmer and W H Phipps, wealthy Wisconsin lumbermen, are at present in the city and looking for investments in their line.

E J Lanning, of Albany, Or, is in the city. He returns to the Sound to-morrow.

—During the past few weeks Colonel Woodford has been visiting various parts of our province, delighting large audiences with his addresses on temperance. Prior to leaving for California the colonel will this evening deliver a farewell address in the Methodist Church, beginning at 8 o'clock.

—In the Supreme Court yesterday afternoon John Haggarty brought suit under the Mechanics Lien Act against G. H. Moore and J. W. Carey to recover $343. A verdict for plaintiff of $7.50 without costs was given. E. E. Wooten appeared for the plaintiff; D. M. Eberts, of Messrs. Eberts & Taylor, for the defence.

—There will be a practice game to-morrow afternoon at 3 p. m. Teams will be chosen on the field and all players are requested to turn out on Christmas day. The team which will represent Victoria against Vancouver will play the rest. On New Year's day the Victoria club will play the Vancouver club at Vancouver. The match against New Westminster has been postponed until the second Saturday in January.

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NOTICE.

In the Supreme Court of British Columbia.

BETWEEN
JOHN CAMERON, Plaintiff,
AND
THADDEUS HARPER, Defendant.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT AN Order has been made in the above entitled action, by the Hon. Sir Matthew B. Begbie, C.J., appointing James C. Prevost and Henry S. Mason to be Recievers of all the Estate and effects of the above named defendant, to take possession of the real estate and recieve and collect the personal estate, and to manage and conduct his business, and to restrain the defendant and all other persons from interfering with them as such Receivers.

JAMES C. PREVOST.
HENRY S. MASON.

Dated, Victoria, Dec. 20 1888. dec21

NOTICE OF PRIVATE BILL.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT APplication will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, at its next sitting, for an Act to incorporate a Company for the purpose of constructing and operating a line of STREET RAILWAY in the Districts of Esquimalt, Victoria and Lake, connecting with the Street Railway system of the City of Victoria, on the following routes: Victoria to Cadboro and Oak Bays; Victoria to Esquimalt Town; Victoria to the Royal Oak Hotel in Lake District; Victoria to Craigflower Bridge; Victoria to the Gorge, and from thence by the Craigflower Road back to Victoria; and to such other point or points as may be deemed advisable. The said Street Railway line to run along the usual highways to the foregoing points.

EBERTS & TAYLOR
Agents for the Applicants.

Victoria, Dec. 18 1888. dec21

NOTICE—I hereby give notice that I intend making application to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 640 acres of land, more or less, in Quatsino District, and described as follows: Commencing at a point on the south boundary of A. A. Green's claim No. 1, distant 40 chains west of the south-east corner; thence south 80 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence north 80 chains, more or less, to the shore line of Rupert Arm; thence northeasterly along the shore line to the south-west corner of A. A. Green's claim; thence east to point of commencement.

F. G. RICHARDS, Jr.

December, 20 1888. dec21-2m

NOTICE—I hereby give notice that I intend making application to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the undermentioned tracts of land in Quatsino District and described as follows: Commencing at the south-east corner of E. M. Skinner's claim at the head of Rupert Arm, thence east 80 chains; thence south 80 chains; thence west 80 chains, more or less, to the shore line of Rupert Arm; thence northerly along the shore line to point of commencement, and containing 640 acres, more or less.

Tract No. 2, commencing at the southwest corner of F G Richards' claim; thence west 70 chains, more or less, to the eastern boundary of section 7, Clyde district; thence northwesterly along the eastern boundary of section 7, to its northeast corner; thence northeasterly along the shore line of Rupert Arm to the northwest corner of F G Richards' claim; thence south to the point of commencement and containing 640 acres, more or less.

A. A. GREEN.

December 20, 1888. Dec21-2m

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TO THE TIMES ONLY.

A Prominent Young Man Finds a Drunkard's Grave—Storms in the Eastern Provinces.

C. P. R. Extension—Winnipegers Going East for Christmas—Brandon Murderer.

Special to THE TIMES.]

Winnipeg, Dec. 19—Professor Todd and a party of scientists from Amherst Observatory, Massachusetts, will come to Brandon to view the eclipse on January 1st.

Over three hundred excursionists went East last night to Ontario for the Christmas holidays.

The hanging of Webb will take place at Brandon a week from to-morrow. This will be the first execution in the province in about fourteen years.

Principal Grant is expected here to-night.

"JACK THE RIPPER."

An Imitator Arrested in Montreal—Drank Himself to Death.

Special to THE TIMES.]

Montreal, Dec. 19—A man claiming to be "Jack the Ripper" was arrested here last night on a charge of assaulting a woman.

The storm which set in last night was the most severe that has visited Montreal this winter. It blew a perfect hurricane and considerable damage was done to trees, fences, telegraph wires, etc. During the evening it turned to snow which drifted in all directions greatly impeding travel. The foundry of King & Rogers was wrecked by the fall of its 90 foot chimney, which crashed through the five floors of the building to the cellar, destroying all the machinery and causing $80,000 damage. Tales of suffering are coming in from the neighboring towns. Many people became lost in the drifts and were found insensible or badly frozen. The thermometer was 15 degrees below zero at many places and the wind blew between forty and sixty miles per hour. Six farmers, two of whom were accompanied by their wives, and others by their sons, left Boucherville, a short distance below the city, yesterday afternoon, with Christmas produce to cross the frozen river. The ice began to break up during the night and no trace of the unfortunate people has been found.

Montreal, Que., Dec. 17—A coffin was carried out of a low den on Craig street, known as the "Beanery," at 4 a. m. last Wednesday, and put into a hearse, which drove rapidly away. Hackmen who saw the coffin removed thought a murder had been committed. They informed the police, but the detectives soon cleared up the mystery. William Mitchell, a son of Peter Mitchell, proprietor of the Montreal *Herald* and ex-minister of marine, had been on a spree. He went into the "Beanery" Tuesday night, and was filled with whiskey until he literally drank himself to death. He never left the den alive. No inquest was held, and the body was buried early in the morning. The detectives are still at work, as it is thought he was the victim of foul play.

C. P. R. IN THE EAST.

They will Build a Line from Chicago to Niagara Falls.

Special to THE TIMES.]

Toronto, Dec. 10—The *Globe* will give an unqualified contradiction to the story set afoot by the *World* that an amalgamation was to take place between the *Globe* and *Mail*; both papers threaten the *World* with libel suits for making the statement.

St. Catharines, Dec. 19—It is reported on best of authority that General Manager Van Horne of the C. P. R has definitely decided to bring the main line of the C. P. R road from Chicago to Niagara Falls through Hamilton, St. Catharines and Merriton, and the location of the line between Hamilton and Niagara River has not been finally arranged, but is Van Horne's intention to carry the track under the new canal by means of a tunnel. The only favor the Canadian Pacific want of St. Catharines is the right of way through the city.

Ottawa, Dec. 19—Wm. Stubbs, (Con.) defeated in Cardwell by Robt. White, is leaving for the States.

Halifax, Dec. 17—Archbishop O'Brien has accepted the appointment as member of the council of the Imperial Federation League in Canada and Canadian representative of the league in England. He declares that recent events in the United States should teach patriotic Canadians to draw more closely the bonds that unite the various parts of the empire so that Canada will not be commercially or politically dependent on the good will or whims of political wire-pullers of the United States.

CHRISTMAS EXAMINATIONS.

Closing of Johnson Street Ward and the Girls' Schools.

The examination of the Johnson Street Ward school, Miss Annie Gowen, teacher, took place this forenoon, commencing at 10 o'clock. Between 60 and 70 bright, neat little children were present and a large number of visitors—principally ladies. Inspector Wilson and Trustees Heisterman, Wolfenden and Erskine were in attendance. The programme of the examination consisted of reading, recitations and spelling exercises, in which the children did very nicely indeed. The reading and spelling competitions were particularly spirited and drew very favorable comments from the visitors, Trustee Wolfenden and Miss Storey acting as judges of the reading. It was remarked that the boys showed no lack of lung power, the little fellows taking about the same key and uttering their words with the same gusto as if they were shouting DAILY EVENING TIMES on the streets. The whole proceedings were most satisfactory and reflected credit on both the children and their painstaking teacher. At the conclusion of the exercises Inspector Wilson addressed the school explaining that Supt. Pope was unavoidably absent through sickness in his family. Trustees Wolfenden, Heisterman and Messrs. Ellis and Munn were called upon to address the school and spoke a few words of congratulation on the excellent showing which had been made. The prizes were then distributed to the winners and a neat little Christmas card given to each of the children. This closed the exercises and the school was dismissed. Following are the:

PROMOTIONS.

From First Class to Central School—Joseph Baker, Albert Buckler.

From Second Class to First Class—James Haughton, Walter Luney, Kate Hookway, Maud Bone, Morris Thomas, Bertha Flett, Stephen Barker, Laura Clark, Mary Harris, Jas Welsh and Raymond Hookway, tie; Alice Smith, Annie Baker and John Bland, tie.

From Third Class to Second Class—Arthur Marrion and Ernest Jeares, tie; Rose Maynard, Albert Auld, Florence Weeks, Annie Rowely, Mamie Marrion, Edith Hookway, Frank Catterall, Alfred Bland, Annie Anderson, Flora Gowen, Bertie Vigor.

PRIZE LIST.

Joseph Baker, head of school—Prize presented by Mr Heisterman.

Humbert McConnell, prize for Reading, presented by Lieut-Col Wolfenden.

Joseph Barker, winner of spelling match—Prize presented by T N Hibben & Co.

Alice Smith—Prize for spelling.

Morris Thomas—Prize for spelling.

Xmas cards were presented to the pupils from Mrs F Gilchrist, Miss A D Cameron and Miss Gowen.

RECITATIONS.

Lotitia Baker, Alice Smith, John McKail, Bertha Flett, Ardghar Gilchrist, Frank Catterall, Harry Fridham, Marion Glover.

JAMES BAY WARD SCHOOL.

At the examination of this school, which took place yesterday, there were seventy five pupils present—the daily average for the school being 76. The number of visitors in attendance were unusually large, among the number being Rev. P. McF. Macleod, Rev. Dr. Reid, Archbishop Scriven, Inspector Wilson, Trustees Hayward and Wolfenden. The exercises resulted most creditably, the pupils acquitting themselves in a most satisfactory manner. At the close of the proceeding the clergymen and trustees addressed the school, congratulating the teacher, Miss M. V. Storey, on the good order and general excellent condition of the school. Following are the prizes: The list of promotions having been read, the prizes were awarded. Head of the school, by C. Redfern to T. C. Robinson; first prize in reading by Col. Wolfenden to Lizzie Ross; head of second class, by C. Redfern to Frank Taylor; first prize in writing, by Rev. John Reid, D. D., to Annie M. Lund; second prize in writing, by Mrs. William Wilson, to Geo. S. Warren; first prize in spelling, first class, to Walter Pittock; second prize in spelling, first class, to William Wilson; first prize in spelling, second class, to Frank Taylor; second prize in spelling, second class, to Ross McDowell; first prize in spelling, fourth class, to Charles Kennedy; first prize in arithmetic, by James Fell, to J. Wilson McConnell.

THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

The Christmas examination of the Girls' School took place this afternoon, the senior divisions being assembled in one large room in the new building, which is ordinarily divided into two apartments by a rising and falling door. The scene here presented was one of unusual animation and beauty. Here were gathered the girls and young ladies of the senior divisions who, with the flower of youth blooming on their cheeks and dressed in semi-holiday attire presented a sight which impressed the eye of the visitor. Such a sea of bright, happy, intelligent faces is not often looked upon as was seen at the Girls' School this afternoon. Everyone, in fact, appeared to partake of the character of the day with its bright, cheering sunshine. The school trustees, clergymen of different denominations, and a large number of lady visitors were present. The exercises of the afternoon were very brief. At the conclusion the prizes were presented by the Venerable Archdeacon Scriven with a few appropriate remarks. Trustees Wolfenden and Heisterman, the Rev. Dr. Reid, Rev. P. McF. Macleod, Revs. Fraser, McRae and Parker addressed the school with a few words of encouragement to teachers and pupils. Rev. Mr. Macleod referred to the serious fact that the girls so often carry away the prizes from the boys, and attributed it to cigarette smoking and other bad habits of the male youth. The pleasant proceeding were brought to a close by the singing of the national anthem.

General expressions of approval were heard on all sides of the satisfactory condition of the girls' school, which is certainly very creditable to the teaching staff. Thanks are tendered those who kindly offered the prizes. Following are the promotions and a portion of the prizes:

CHRISTMAS PROMOTIONS.

From 1st to the High School—Teacher Miss Armstrong—Hattie McIntosh, Agnes Jessie Blackburn; Miriam Frank, Agnes Lailie Heisterman, Mary Elizabeth Johnston, Annie Monsle, Mary A. Wylie, Edith Isabel Askew, Elizabeth Nance Bancold, and Mabel Wealthy Haynes.

From Second to First—Teacher, Mrs Caldwell—Maud Edwards, Ethel Warlock, Clara Warren, Lillias Edwards, Catherine Morril, Lillian Vaughan, equal; Josephine Lee, Isabelle Gill, Laura Sharp, Jessie Arnold, Alice Blake, Barbara Lenfesty, Olive Askew.

From Third to Second—Teacher, Miss Cameron—Annie Dunkerly, Ruth Haddock, Ethel Dunkerly, Edith Peddle, Annie Robinson, Annie Carlyon, Annie Lakin, Jessie Dearberg, Alice Steers, Evelyn Robinson, Gertrude Sims and Maggie Barkholder, equal; Martha King, Minnie Bates and Margaret Short, equal; Celia Powell.

From Second to Third—Teacher, Miss Barron—Laura McGregor, Maude Underhill, Frances Brown, Margaret Nicholl, Agnes Petit, Etta Ella Williams, Emma Martin, Belle Netherby and Minnie Van Horst, equal; Bessie Fraser, Marmilla Gilchrist, Annie Pardoe, Nellie Rudge, Agnes Bloomfield, Mabel Nevin, Nellie Loftmore.

From Fifth to Fourth—Teacher, Miss Keast—Helen Harris, Ella Lowe, Margaret Grafton, Maud Eckersley, Edna Turner, Constance Traran, Isabella Whitelaw, Ethel Holloway, Elizabeth Fletcher, Annie Blackbourne, Constance Mitchell.

From Sixth to Fifth—Teacher, Miss Carmichael—Mary Marston, Ivia Ludwell, Rose Thomas, Lillie Rostein, Claire McGregor, Katie Baird, Katherine Bates, Nettie Vigelius, Lora Pauline Mansell and Blanch Coures, equal; Ethel Dwyer.

From Seventh to Sixth—Teacher, Miss Robinson—Alice Carter, May Ward, Harriet Nicholas, Amy Carter, Mabel Estes, Annie Fraser, Elizabeth Hiscocks, Herma Wilson, Florence Creedon, Maude Williams, Madge Wilson, Elizabeth Strachan Beatrice Bennett.

PRIZE LIST.

First Division—Girls—Head of Girls' School—Miss Hattie M McIntosh, silver medal.

Canadian History, competition between girls and boys' school, Miss Hattie M McIntosh.

English History—Miss Agnes Blackbourne.

English Grammar—Miss Elizabeth Bancold.

Geography—Miss Agnes Heisterman.

Mental Arithmatic—Miss Miriam Frank.

General Proficency—Florence Shotbolt.

Girls' School, Third Division—Special prize for head of the class, presented by Mr Hy Short, and awarded to Annie Dunkerley.

First prize for Deportment, silver medal—Presented by Miss Cameron, and awarded to Alice Maud Creech.

Special prizes for regular attendance—Presented by Miss Cameron and awarded to those pupils who have been present every day of the present term, and awarded to Mary Cathcart, Mary May Creech, Annie Clarissa Calder, Annie Catherine Lakin and Maggie Rosalama Barkholder.

Prize for winner of Spelling match—Awarded to Ethel Dunkerley.

Fourth Division—Laura McGregor, head—Presented by Mr Redfern

Martha Redfern head of second class—Presented by Mr Hy Brown.

Writing—Maude Underhill, Deona Roberts.

Spelling and Deportment—Frances Brown, Nelly Squires—Presented by Mr Storey.

THE PROGRAMME.

School song, "Gliding to Fairy Land; recitation, Maud Carter; recitation, J Cidwell; Shakespearean quotations. Third Division—song, "Christmas Bells;" recitation, M. Eckersly; recitation, M. Unterhill; recitation, M. Bowbolder; song, "Christmas all the Year Round;" recitation, Miss Watson; dialogue, First Division, "Death of the Old Year;" Second Division—reading, H. McIntosh; school song, "Hearts and Homes."

LABOUCHERE'S LETTER

Interesting Gossip About Prominent People—Brutalities by the Sultan of Zanzibar.

The Oldest Military Body in the World Disbanded—Hands Off the Canal.

New York, Dec. 19—Henry Labouchere's London cable to the *World* says: "A few weeks ago I announced the sale of the Mutly and Grand Tully estates in Perthshire, which extend over 34,000 acres, to Mr. Kennedy, of New York, who had agreed to buy the property from Sir Douglas Stewart, on condition that he obtained possession in May. No sooner had the preliminaries of the transaction been completed that Sir Douglas Stewart repented and now declines to complete the bargain. Mr. Kennedy has, in consequence, commenced proceedings in the court of sessions to compel him to do so, or if he finally refuses execution of the contract, to pay the sum of £30,000 as damages. Sir Douglas pleads that his written consent to the sale was obtained from him in an undue and illegal manner, as being eighty-two years of age, and being very infirm in health he yielded to the pressure brought to bear upon him at a moment when he was in a high nervous flurry and an excited condition, and therefore weak in mind.

I learn that Lord Sackville, who intends to pass the winter in the Riviera, will probably be appointed ambassador to Constantinople next spring, when Sir Wm. Whyte is going to retire on a pension. Lord Sackville's appointment, however, can only take place if the superior claims to the post of Sir Henry Drummond Wolf are ignored.

I understand the Prince of Wales is excessively annoyed at the economical reforms which are to be carried out in the Queen's household. His Royal Highness foresees that whenever the demise of the Crown takes place, the civil list will be re-settled on a basis of the new arrangements, which will make a very considerable and disadvantageous difference to the next sovereign of these realms. Any of the reductions and reforms which will now be carried out were recommended privately by the late Prince Albert thirty or forty years ago.

An attempt is to be made to introduce salmon into the Ands which flows into the Mediterranean near Narbonne, and 100,000 ova of Sacramento salmon have been brought from America and will be placed in the river.

I hear that the Queen is desirous that Sir Theodore Martin should undertake to write an elaborate biography of the late Emperor Frederick on the same scale as his life of the Prince Consort.

A reconciliation has been patched up between the Crown Prince and the Crown Princess of Austria, and the threatened divorce has been abandoned, so the Crown Princess will remain at Vienna through the winter.

Prof. Von Angel, who has just finished his full length portrait of the Emperor William, has been summoned from Vienna to Nice to paint a portrait for an American lady. He was informed that he might name his own price on condition he came at once.

Anton Rubinstein has completed the cantata which he has composed to celebrate the preservation of the Emperor and Empress of Russia in the recent railway accident at Borki. It will be performed for the first time at the Court concert to be given next month at the winter palace at St. Petersburg.

Gladstone intends to occupy himself during the next few weeks by writing an article for one of his reviews on the working results of the divorce act.

A REDOUBT DESTROYED.

Suakim, Dec. 19—The British have destroyed an Arab redoubt by shells bursting in and around it, hardly giving the defenders a chance to escape, and causing great slaughter. A deserter, who has just come in, reports great havoc among dervishes, who crowded in trenches.

THE TRIBUNAL POWERLESS.

Paris, Dec. 19—The tribunal of the Seine, having been urged to save the Panama canal from bankruptcy, declared itself powerless to interfere with the due course of the law.

THE OLDEST MILITARY BODY.

London, Dec. 19—The Honorable Artillery Company, the oldest military body in the world, has been disbanded, owing to the resignation of the Prince of Wales, Duke of Portland and others, and the withdrawal of the company's charter by the Queen.

BRUTALITIES OF SULTAN OF ZANZIBAR.

London, Dec. 19—A dispatch from Zanzibar says the Sultan has signalized his return by a remarkable outburst of fanaticism, which bodes no good to the peace and safety of his subjects or the security of European residents. Yesterday morning he ordered the instant beheading of four natives charged with murder, but who had not been tried. The sentence was carried out in a public street with clumsy brutality, and the bodies were suffered to be weltering in their gore until the evening. The Sultan proposes to repeat this revolting spectacle every day for a week, there being 24 men and women under sentence of death. He announces he will be guided in the future by the Mohammedan law. What change this makes may be judged from the fact that capital punishment has been unknown on the Island of Zanzibar for twenty-five years. Yesterday's butcheries and threats of others to follow have caused a profound sensation. The whites are shocked and the blacks are terrified. Colonel Ewan Smith, the British political agent, has waited upon the Sultan and remonstrated against these cruelties. Common action will probably be taken by the British and other representatives.

HANDS OFF.

Washington, Dec. 19—Edmunds offered in the Senate and had referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations to-day the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Government of the United States will look with serious concern and disapproval upon any connection of any European government with the construction or control of any ship canal across the Isthmus of Darien or across Central America, and must regard any such control as injurious to the just rights and interest of the United States and a menace to their welfare; and that the President of the United States be requested to communicate this expression of the views of Congress to the governments of the countries of Europe.

VENEZUELAN REVOLUTION.

New York, Dec. 20—The Venezuelan consul in this city has received advices stating that the Venezuelan revolution has been ended by the capture and imprisonment of the leaders.

THE HAYTIAN TROUBLE.

New York, Dec. 20—Dr. Demour Auguste, of Hayti, is in New York on his way to Washington, it is said he interview the President in the interests of Hippolyte, the leader of the insurgents, and will endeavor to persuade the Government to receive and acknowledge a representative of Northern as well as Southern Hayti.

DIED PENITENT.

Hackensack, N. J., Dec. 20—John Myers Dovemus was hanged in jail here yesterday morning for the murder of his 19 year old son in June last, while the latter was defending his mother from the abuse of the murderer. Dovemus died quietly and fully penitent.

PREVENTION OF CRUELTY.

Meeting of the Society—Annual Report of Secretary Mason.

The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals held their first annual meeting on Tuesday afternoon. Archdeacon Scriven occupied the chair. A large number of ladies and gentlemen were present. Secretary-Treasurer W. H. Mason submitted his annual report which was adopted. The report reads as follows:—

First Annual Report of the Secretary-Treasurer of the Victoria Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Some months since it became apparent that cases of unnecessary and wanton cruelty to dumb animals in Victoria and district were becoming of not unfrequent occurance, and it was absolutely necessary that something should be done by the people to put a stop to such atrocities, and to see that the laws for the protection of animals were properly enforced.

About the month of August last the Venerable Archdeacon Scriven gave publicity to his views on the subject in the public press, and hardly had he done so, when a number of gentlemen actuated by similar motives rallied round the Archdeacon, and their first meeting was called for and held on the 5th September, 1888, at the Inland Revenue office, and then and there the persons present formed themselves into a society called "The Victoria Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals," having for its objects the prevention of cruelty to animals in Victoria and districts of Victoria and Esquimalt.

The first case that the society took up was the prosecution of a man named Joseph Phoenix, for wanton cruelty to a very wretched old horse. The case was heard before the police magistrate on 16th October last, and after a long examination a very clear case of cruelty was made out and a fine of $5.00 and costs was imposed.

The second case was against the boy King for over-riding and wantonly beating a mare until she dropped in her tracks. This case was heard before the police magistrate on the 22nd day of October last, and the boy being under 14 years, but over 12, he was decided by the magistrate to be under the age in the eyes of the law to be responsible for committing offences of this nature and the case was dismissed, although the boy was proven to be flagrantly guilty of the offence charged.

The third case, which was taken up by the police, was against Messrs. Van Volkenburgh & Co., for leaving two calves on the wharf without food for thirty-six hours. On enquiry into the facts it was found that the evidence would not sustain the charge laid against this firm, and the counsel for the society withdrew the case without costs.

The fourth case was against two Chinamen for wanton and great cruelty to a pig. Notwithstanding the evidence which was adduced in this case when heard in the police court, which went clearly to prove the most atrocious and fiendish cruelty on the part of the two Chinamen, the the magistrate only inflicted a fine of one dollar, saying as a reason, that, no doubt, that the Chinamen did not know they were breaking the law.

There is no doubt that the good effects of the society's existance and their evident determination to bring to book all persons who are guilty of cruelty to the dumb tribe, will gradually educate such offenders in the knowledge that they are breaking both the laws of God and man, and that the most unceasing efforts will be used to put a stop to such atrocities.

The society has now a list of 113 subscribers, and the following cash statement will show the state of their finances:

Received for subscription and donations	$123 00
Refund one-half fine and witness' fees to date	5 50
Total	$128 50
Expenditure	95 25
Balance	$ 33 25

In conclusion, I have to congratulate the society upon their success so far, and hope that they will yet become one of the best and strongest societies of the kind in the Dominion.

I have also much pleasure in acknowledging the prompt and valuable assistance accorded the society by the municipal and provincial police, in endeavoring to carry out their humane objects.

The Chairman and Rev. P. McF. Macleod spoke on the report, concurring with the Secretary.

A vote of thanks was tendered the officers for their work during the past half year.

Burgoyne Bay.

Our Blue Ribbon meeting on the 15th inst. is classed by all as the most important of any held during the year. The attendance was very large, there being even a representative from Beaver Point. Although the roads were very muddy, that did not so much as make the ladies "conspicuous by their absence." From the general interest manifested it is happily seen the good work advances. At 7:30 p. m. the president took the chair; Mr. C. Horrel led in prayer, when the opening hymn was heartily sung. Of the excellent programme prepared we cannot speak too highly and in giving a summary for brevity do not adhere to the assigned order. Mrs. Lee, two songs of excellent rendering; Mr. Saml. Maxwall, two readings, of which may be said his rich voice and the matter read, class him high among our local talent; Mr. C. Horrel spoke in behalf of the good work he so intently labors to forward. He referred to single stick and cudgel playing of the past and their being stopped by legislation; but said there was infinitely more reason why the liquor traffic should be stopped. The speaker concluded by noticing the pressing call to have the law-makers themselves temperate. Mr. J. Welsh, three songs, that as to rendering could not be surpassed; Mrs. Horrel, reading, none the less worthy of high encomiums than at former times; Mr. Furnace, song, that reflected great credit; Mr. Lee, two readings, producing agreeable results; Mrs. Rogers, reading, failing nothing short of her former local powers; temperance remarks by the President on what drink has done and is doing, elicited applause; Mrs. Raynes, recitation, elicited acclaims; Mr. Perkins, two songs, that did not in any way belie his established reputation as a musician; Mr. W. L. Pollard, song, reading and recitation, all masterly handled; Mr. Raynes, two songs, which vindicated his claims to be styled a professional; Messrs. Raynes and Perkins, vocal duet, showing careful practice; reading and recitation from the chair, well received. All were sorry when they had to part. May the good work prosper plentiously.

THE COUNTRY MAJOR.

The Nanaimo Courier.

This new candidate for public favor made its appearance yesterday. The *Courier* is a bright, newsy paper, edited by young men endowed with push and perseverance. The addition to the few independent journals in this province is gladly welcomed by THE TIMES. It has our best wishes for its prosperity.

BATTLE OF SUAKIM.

The British Forces Attack and Carry the Enemies Forts—A Brilliant Charge.

Raking Fire from the Fleet—The Blacks Shoulder to Shoulder with the British.

London, Dec. 20—The British attack on Suakim was opened by General Sir Francis Grenfell at 7:30 this morning. It was finished in half an hour, but was a desperate and bloody contest. General Grenfell had 4,000 men under his command. So complete were all the preparations and so admirably had the forces been arranged for the attack that when the order was given to charge the men responded with alacrity and moved forward upon the enemy's works with shouts of exultation shoulder to shoulder. They pressed unflinchingly on till they reached the redoubts, though exposed to a raking fire which left many gaps in their ranks. The enemy was equally ready to resist the onset of the British, and fought like tigers to repel the invaders, who poured over the redoubts like an irresistable flood. It was a brilliant contest on both sides and the spectacle was an inspiring one though it was brief. The battle continued at such close quarters that it was practically a hand to hand encounter with bayonets and small arms. It was soon seen, however, that the contest was not equal and despite their brave and steadfast resistance to the first onset of the storming forces the Arabs began gradually to weaken and fall back, and finally fled in confusion. The cavalry pursued the enemy towards Hoshen and the tamar bush. General Greafell encamps to-night in the trenches abandoned by the enemy.

London, Dec. 20—A later dispatch from Suakim says the battle was Tel El Kebir over again. All through there was more resistance on the part of the enemy. The superior armament, equipment and discipline of the British troops told the moment they came in contact with the Arabs. The British lost 12 killed and wounded and their Egyptian auxiliaries 40, including two officers wounded. The Arab loss is estimated at 400 killed and wounded. The Egyptians fought well and captured all the Arab cannon.

London, Dec. 20—3 p. m.—The following additional details of the battle at Suakim has been received:

The men-of-war in the harbor opened a heavy fire at 11:30 on the enemy's works, and other vessels along the coast made a strong diversion on Handobte, landing parties, lighting fires, and placing dummies to prevent reinforcements moving to the Arabs from that quarter. At daybreak the forts opened fire on the rebel redoubts and trenches and under its cover the troops advanced to the attack. The Black Brigade on our right flank and the whole force moving forward on the enemy's left flank, with the naval brigade, machine rolleys and cavalry scouting and protecting the flanks and rear. The Scottish Borderers, Welch Regiment, the old 23rd, and Egyptian brigade carried the embankment between the forts, the British forts shelling the Arab trenches. The enemy held the ground with fanatical courage until the Black Brigade charged the trenches which were abandoned after hard fighting.

London, Dec. 20, (3:45 p. m.)—An official dispatch from Suakim at 12:25 p. m., says: "The enemy's loss was 400. The Hussars were at that time still pursuing the fleeing Arabs. The trenches were nearly filled. Two temporary redoubts being built by the combined forces of the British and Egyptians are entrenched. They will bivouac on the field of battle to-night, the naval forces with the machine guns remaining in the trenches, and the man-of-war Startling with all available steamers has been sent to anchor off Handobte to prevent forces from Handobte coming upon the army during the action to-day. The Dervishes were so severely punished that a quiet night is expected."

London, Dec. 20, (3:50 p. m.)—Lord Salisbury in a speech to-day said: "The ministry had no intention of entangling the country in a new Soudan expedition; but they could not abandon Suakim. The English, Egyptian and Turkish ministers, he said, were unanimous that Suakim must not be abandoned."

Gen. Grenfell's official account of the battle says no English officer was touched during the engagement.

TACOMA'S PARK.

Washington, Dec. 20—The President yesterday approved the act granting the use of certain lands in Pierce County, Washington Territory, to the city of Tacoma for a public park.

A MELON RAISERS COMBINE.

Blackville, S. C., Dec. 20—A meeting of water melon raisers, representing a production of two million melons, met here to-day and decided to form a trust to limit the acreage, fix prices and establish its own agencies in the principal cities.

IMMORALITY IN ALASKA.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 19—The testimony before the House Committe on Merchant Marine and Fisheries to-day in regard to the charge of immorality in Alaska and Seal Island, was of a somewhat sensational character. Mr. Gravitt, special agent of the Government at St. George's Island, testified to the loose state of affairs and extensive prostitution throughout the island. The natives, he said, were encouraged in these vices by the employees of the Alaska Commercial Company, and corruption was prevalent among the latter, one of whom told Gravitt he could draw a second salary from the company if he would do as he was wanted to.

THE TARIFF BILL.

Washington, Dec. 20—By unanimous consent it was ordered that voting on the Tariff bill and amendments shall begin at 1 o'clock on January 21st, after which there will be no further debate without unanimous consent. The holiday recess will be from the 21st inst. until January 2nd.

THE CALUMET MINE.

Marquette, Mich., Dec. 20—The fire in the Calumet mine is almost burned out. The bodies of eight entombed miners will be discovered in a few days.

THE NATIONAL LIBERAL CLUB.

London, Dec. 20—About 175 Unionists having withdrawn from the national Liberal Club when Lord Warrington seceded, and there has been a great pressure on the part of the Liberals to fill up the vacancies. The *Daily News* admits that the result of the Colchester election is not what was expected. It is the exception indeed for the Liberals to find their vote cut down.

MARINE DISASTER.

Montreal, Dec. 50—The ship Golden Gate and the schooner N. Wright were wrecked on the coast during Tuesday night's storm. The men of both vessels suffered from cold and hunger and many of them are badly frozen.

THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

Large Number of Visitors—A Good Showing of a Half Years Work.

The closing proceedings of the boys' department of the Central School took place this afternoon. In the absence of Mr. Halliday, Mr. D. E. Kerr, teacher in the second division, acted as principal. The number of visitors present was large, the clerical part of the community being well represented. During the morning a regular programme of exercises took place in each of the divisions. In the afternoon the proceedings were confined to Miss Todd's and Mr. Kaye's rooms, the visitors being treated to an exhibition of very artistic club swinging in the former. The oral exercises and presentations took place in the latter, Mr. D. W. Higgins, M. P. P., being called to deliver the coveted trophies of intellectual victory to the winners. Mr. Higgins in performing this pleasing duty spoke a few words of congratulation to the children and referred to the part he had taken in favor of free schools and women's rights. The clergymen, Revs. Dr. Reid, Archdeacon Scrivin, P. McF. Macleod and D. McRae, who addressed the school, were particularly happy in their references. Dr. Reid pointed to the moral of obedience by the relation of an anecdote. The Archdeacon placed the quality of "grit" in a boy, at its true value—genius without grit was almost useless. It was at the foundation of all success. Mr. Macleod in a most humorous way pointed out the qualities, the exercise of which invariably brought failure. Mr. McRae's remarks were an encomium of the value of the teachers' work. Trustees Wolfenden and Erskine also briefly addressed the school. Inspector Wilson was present, performed the duties of superintendent and attested to the excellent progress that had been made in all the divisions.

The teachers desire to thank Mr. Redfern for the medals offered in the 1st and 3rd divisions, and Mrs. Kurtz for one offered in the second division. The names of some others who so kindly offered prizes were Hon R Dunsmuir, Hon J H Turner, Messrs H Short, H Waller, Mrs Eareman, Dr Helmcken and Dr Reid.

PROMOTIONS.

From First Division, J A Halliday, teacher, to High School—George Martin, Alfred Morris, John Kermode; Berttam Powell, Donald A Fraser, Charles E Adams, equal; Frank J Hutcheson, Louis A Hall, equal; Arthur Lane, Edward Carmichael, James H York, William Cathcart, Charles Haynes.

PRIZE LIST.

Written arithmetic, John Kermode, silver medal. Mental arithmetic and reading, Alfred Morris. Advancement, James H Lysack. Geography, English history and anatomy, George Macgregor. Good conduct, Donald A Fraser. Writing, James Angus. Spelling, Bertram Powell. Reading, A McKillop. Grammar, Chas Haynes. Writing, George James. Reading and Recitation, Herbert Tiedlman. Advancement, William Cathcart. Spelling and grammar, Alfred Carder. History and geography, Herbert Northcott. Good conduct and progress, F E W Smith.

SECOND DIVISION—MR. D. E. KERR, TEACHER.

Seven Promoted:—William P Grant, George Corder, Ernest Haynes, Louis Adolph Hartnagel, William A Carter, William Shade, Charles James.

PRIZE LIST.

Silver medal, head of class, Willie P Grant. Spelling, Fred George. Writing, Philip Johnston. Composition, W A Carter. Mental arithmetic, John L Gill. Geography and English history, George Corder. Deportment, Edward Vigor. Head of junior class, Herbert Shade.

THIRD DIVISION—MR. J. KAYE TEACHER.

Nine Promoted:—Charles Schnoter, James Strachan, William Anderson, William Peden, George Reynolds, John Collins, Charles Lowe, Arthur Dods, Walter Askew.

PRIZE LIST.

Silver medal, head of school, Charles Schnoter. Reading, John McTavish. Writing, Geo Reynolds. Mental arithmetic, Thomas G Moody. Spelling, Chas T Blake. General proficiency, James Bentable. Deportment, Charles P Higgins.

FOURTH DIVISION—MR. E. F. DORAN, TEACHER.

Thirteen Promoted:—George C Pickard, William F Fraser, Richard H Hale, Richard H Norton, William A Staples, Henry M Bechtel, Frederick Vigor, Henry A Workman, Harcourt P Dickinson, Leonard Gill, Elwin H Stephens, Henry Matthews, Frank H Hall.

PRIZE LIST.

Proficiency, George C Pickard. Writing, Alfred McConnell. Reading, Charles W Redfern. Mental Arithmetic, Frederick Neaves. Written arithmetic, H Matthews. Grammar, Richard H Hale. Geography, Wm T Fraser.

FIFTH DIVISION—MISS KATIE TODD, TEACHER.

Sixteen Promoted:—Percy Dunkerly, C Nicholas, James H Keown, Donald C Kurtz, Alfred S Huxtable, George E Brown, Charles F Banfield, Joseph W Wrigleasworth, Stephen Skitch, Arthur J Mortimer, Delbert E Whittaker, William Munro, Henry G Mason, Robert W Sheare, Charles E Wilson, Charles D Carter.

PRIZE LIST.

General proficiency, P Dunkerly. Reading, B C Nicholas. Mental arithmetic, D C Kurtz. Writing, J W Marston. Spelling, W W Storey. Grammar, J H Keown.

SIXTH DIVISION—MISS A. POLLARD TEACHER.

Fifteen Promoted:—Walter A Dods, Edward N George, Romeo Carlos Winch, Frank M G Fraser, George Thompson, Alfred G Herd, John C Pendray, William F Whitley, Charles W Steers, Frank J Whitter, Walter B Atkinson, Joseph Adams, Donald McK Irvine, William B Leask, William J Savory.

PRIZE LIST.

General proficiency, Walter A Dods, E N George, Alfred G Herd, Willie J Leask, John McGregor, John C Pendray, H C Smith. Arithmetic, Romeo C Winch, Jos Adams, John B Cameron, Frank Fraser, Willie T Whitley. Spelling and arithmetic, Walter A Dods. Writing, Geo D Dickenson. Deportment, Jesse B Ward. Good conduct, Charles W Steers.

SEVENTH DIVISION—MISS WOLFENDEN, TEACHER.

Twelve Promoted:—William J White, James Boswell, Walter V Green, William J Tricker, Herbert G Proctor, Frederick Galer, Bernard M Pollard, Thomas E Mitchell, Joseph C North, Robert Nichol, Jesse Sylvester, Michael A Phillips.

PRIZE LIST.

Head of class, Willie White. Head of junior class, Melville Jewell. Arithmetic and reading, James Boswell. Arithmetic and writing, Walter Green. Spelling, Bernie Pollard.

EIGHTH DIVISION—MISS A. MUNRO, TEACHER.

Thirteen Promoted:—Randolph Schnoster, Frank W Stevenson, Walter F Harris, George H Dawson, James Ferguson, Hugh E Caldwell, Walter G Steers, Arthur L Proctor, Benjamin Pottingell, David G Nevin, James H Rickey, Emanuel Schnoster, Ernest Ferguson.

PRIZE LIST.

Reading and writing, Randolph Schnoter. Spelling and arithmetic, Frank Stephenson. Writing, Arthur B Burgess, Arthur Netherby. General improvement, Gabrial James.

TELEGRAPHIC TICKS.

News of the World Condensed Into Pithy Paragraphs.

Lord Salisbury, in a speech at Scarborough, congratulated the liberal-unionists on their progress and declared it would be impossible for Gladstone's followers to re-unite.

The *Times* special from Zanzibar reports continued rioting in the streets of the capital by idle and drunken Germans. The club room has been closed and serious consequences are expected.

TO THE TIMES ONLY.

The Governor to Hold a Levee on January 2nd—The Export Duty.

Extraordinary Snow Fall in the Lower Provinces—Presbyterians Expelled.

Special to THE TIMES.]

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 20—Principal Grant passed through this city for Kingston last night.

Toronto, Dec. 20—E. Strachan Cox was examined on Archibald Campbell's doings as interim liquidator of the Central Bank, and testified that Campbell was present at a meeting between Cox and Jas. Baxter in Montreal, at which it was proposed that Campbell should be sent by arrangement to wind up the bank. He also testified that the means used to force Allen to give Baxter $40,000 on deposit receipts was a bundle of compromising letters written by Allen to Rolland Gideon Israel Barnett.

Col. G. Zowski is arranging for a great levee to be held by Lord and Lady Stanley in the Parliament buildings on January 2nd.

FROM OTTAWA.

Church Members Expelled—The Canadian Militia Denounced.

Special to THE TIMES.]

Galt, Dec. 20—The session of Knox Church suspended six members that the church charged with holding doctrines not in accordance with the standards of the Presbyterian Church. The suspended members have given notice of appeal to the Synod.

Ottawa, Dec. 20—Major Mayne, an English African, professor of surveying at O Military College, Kingston, in an address to the students, characterized the militia of Canada incapable, inefficient, etc., and recommended the establishment of a permanent corps of 4000 men. Two other English officers agreed with him. Caron is in a fury with them, and telegraphed the officers for an explanation. It is expected they will be dismissed.

Hon. Wm. McDougall, in an interview, said that neither the Province nor the Dominion have any power to put an export duty on timber or logs; to do so is a violation of the British North American Act.

The Board of Trade yesterday memorialized the Government to reduce the postage to two cents.

Two hundred tons of turkeys were shipped by one train for Boston from Ottawa Valley.

The Weekly Times.

Victoria, Friday, December 21, 1888.

From the Daily December 18.

HOW SETTLERS ARE TREATED

The letter in this issue signed "S" is written by a trustworthy contributor to THE TIMES. It tells a story of governmental incapacity that is truly lamentable. In the face of the grievous wrongs inflicted on the people of Alberni through the studied negligence of those who are responsible for the location of that unhappy people in an isolated section of the province, we would be failing in our duty were we to refuse—as we know others have refused—to call public attention to the official indifference and neglect which, added to the unavoidable hardships of pioneer life, have rendered the situation of this once promising settlement next to unbearable. A year or two ago we called the attention of the government to the imperative necessity for the means of regular communication with Alberni, but with the exception of a few spasmodic efforts nothing has been done. For several years a government guide, paid for by the province, was employed to pilot immigrants to the west coast, where many of them settled on lands belonging to the proyince and to the E. & N. Railway Company. In all between one and two hundred homesteads were taken up, and among all the settlers there was not an objectionable person or one who would not be considered an acquisition in any country. These hardy pioneers went to work with a determination to succeed. They built houses, as good as their limited means would permit, and they cleared patches of land, which they extended and cultivated as time went on. Subsequently a rough trail was built from the settlement to Nanaimo, which afforded them, during a portion of the year, a means of egress across an inhospitable mountain and through an almost impenetrable forest. Over this road the transportation of supplies and produce was, as might be expected, impossible; still it was an alternative route to the fifty leagues of canoe navigation of the west coast, and it was considered by our paternal government all that was required. For some time the settlers were satisfied reception given to their appeals, however, they soon learned that the government, with a refinement of cruelty, had come to the conclusion that their's was a case of "root hog or and hopeful for the future. From the die;" still they labored on and raised crops which they could not sell because they could not send their product to market. The produce of their few acres rotted before their eyes, but even that did not completely discourage them. A worse curse than that of Tantalus was their's, but they were not altogether disheartened, for the hope was entertained that after a time regular communication by boat would be established with Victoria through the exertions of private citizens, if not by the government. For a time some sort of an arrangement was made and one of the C. P. N. Company's steamers made several trips, but the boat was subsequently withdrawn by the government for economical reasons. The settlers then became discontented, and many, unable longer to subsist on expectations, left the valley, some to seek temporary employment at the mines or in the cities and others never to return. The whole settlement is now dissatisfied. The people ask, and with truth, what is the use of toiling on year after year if this state of things is going to continue? The government does not care what becomes of us! Our representatives in the legislature—one of whom occupies that position only because he is a rich man—ignore our petitions and decline to visit us for the purpose of becoming informed as to our real situation. By ourselves we cannot overcome the natural disadvantages of our situation; and although we know that the valley will some day be populated by a happy and contented people, our means are too limited and our lives too short to look forward to what may be when wiser men govern the country!

The situation of the Albernians is truly a public misfortune, for the treatment accorded the settlers there will restrain others from seeking comparatively remote districts, and the settlement of the province will thus be retarded. The legislature, which will be in session in another month, should take the matter up and do justice to the unfortunate people. If they refuse, and the government continues its present do-nothing policy, it can safely be predicted that there will not be half-a-dozen farmers on the west coast in one year from the present time. Incompetency, surely, reigns supreme among the James Bay bunglers when such a story can be told of what was two years ago one of the most promising districts of the province.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

An analysis of the vote in New York shows that 7000 Democrats cast their votes for Harrison while voting for most of the other Democratic candidates.

No more lumber rafts, says a New York despatch, will come from Canada to this port. The explanation is that a Canadian law has been passed, at the instance of the owners of sailing vessels, placing a duty on lumber exported in rafts equivalent to the small margin of profit on the raft system.

Mr. W. C. Caldwell, M. P. P. for North Lanark, is spoken of as a probable successor to Hon. Mr. Pardee, the commissioner for crown lands for Ontario. It is to be hoped his extensive private interests will not preclude his acceptance of office, as he would make an excellent head of the department and bring the government greater strength.

Toronto Empire: When does an insurance policy expire? This is the point upon which a suit in the Superior Court, Montreal, is depending. The Montreal Herald is suing the Northern Assurance Company for the amount of a policy of $3,000 which the company refuse to pay. Its grounds of refusal are mainly two: First, because the policy was renewed from August 26, 1886, to August 26, 1887, "both days inclusive," and the company contends that the policy expired at noon on the latter date. The fire took place on the evening of that day, and the newspaper holds that the policy held good until midnight. The other objection made by the insurance company is that the paper's loss was fully covered by insurance money paid by other companies.

The "voluntary act" of Messrs. Dunsmuir in making a considerable reduction in the price of coal in the San Francisco market will, we trust, be repeated for the benefit of Victoria. The price of coal in San Francisco having been lowered from $16 to $12, the contention that money was being lost by selling in Victoria at $10 does not apply, or, if it does, certainly it is with less force than formerly. The law of supply and demand may have had nothing to do with the reduction, and perhaps in the interest of the consumer in Victoria it will be as well not to inquire into that phase of the question. We prefer to think that the Colonist is stating a fact when it says that the act was a "voluntary" one; for it must be obvious to every person that if Dunsmair & Sons can afford to be generous to any community the citizens of the country that has done so much for them has the first claim upon their consideration and generosity. In the meantime coal is quoted at $12 in San Francisco and $10 in Victoria.

CHRISTMAS EXERCISES.

James Bay Ward School Examinations To-day.

At 1:30 o'clock this afternoon the examination of scholars was held in Miss Storey's school, James Bay. A large number of ladies and gentlemen were present, including the School Trustees, Supt. of Education and Inspector Wilson.

The scholars went through their exercises in a creditable manner, showing that Miss Storey has been most assiduous in her teaching. The young lady was congratulated on the proficiency displayed and the children were dismissed for their Christmas holidays.

PROMOTIONS.

FIFTH CLASS TO FOURTH—Minnie Cullin, Nathaniel McDowell, Ina Redfern, Fanny Whyte, Hilda Young, Vivean Medina, May Thompson, Charles Taylor, Nelson McDonald.

FOURTH CLASS TO THIRD—Willie Winkle, Archie Lowe, Gracie Burt, Alfie Donaldson, Willie Roscamp, Jessie Stamford, Charles Kennedy, Annie Shears, Edgar Thompson, Frank Moore, Edith Butler, Bertha Fick.

THIRD CLASS TO SECOND—Annie Methison Lindi, Hattie Mackay, Carl Mathison; Lund, Mary Stamford, Edward Whyte, Arthur Bailey.

SECOND TO FIRST—Frank Taylor, May Franklin, Mabel Sabiston, Rose McDowell, Willie Northcott.

FIRST TO CENTRAL SCHOOL—Thos Chas Robertson, Walter M Kitsack, Hugh McDowell, William Wilson.

PRIZES.

Head of school—Presented by C Redfern, Esq. Thos C Robinson.

Reading—Presented by R W Wolfenden, Esq. Head of 2nd Class—Presented by C Redfern, Frank Taylor.

1st Prize for writing—Presented by——— Annie M Land.

2nd Prize for writing—Presented by Mrs Wm Wilson, George Warren.

RECITATIONS.

Song, If I were a Sunbeam; The Two Squirrels, Lizzie Ross; Johnny's Opinion of Grandmother, Arthur Bailey; The Baby's Carriage, Jane Moore; Little Dick, Carl Land; The Little Donkey, Katie Finlayson; song, The Little Fishers; The Voyage in the Arm Chair, Archie Lowe; I'm Ready, May Franklin, Work and Idleness, Geo Warren; What I Would Do, Annie Land; The Little Doctor, Katie and Ray Worlock; The Swing, Edith Chastrell; The Lark, Ernest Tuting; If I Were a Spider, Fanny Winkle; The Little Girl's Dream, Edith Butler; Early Sorrow, Mabel Sabiston; song, The Little Kitties.

SALE OF WORK.

Successful Fair—Large Attendance—Concert this Evening.

The ladies of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church held a sale of work this afternoon in Philharmonic Hall. The attendance was large and a handsome amount will be realized from the articles disposed of. The tables were filled with useful articles and a ready sale was made of the goods.

The refreshment table was loaded down with delicacies and was well patronized. On the whole, the ladies are to be congratulated for the financial success of the sale. The following ladies had charge of the different tables.

PLAIN TABLE.

Mrs. Chase, Mrs. Dr. McGregor, Mrs. Leask and Mrs. Mortimer.

FANCY TABLE.

Mrs Hutcheson, Mrs Page, Mrs Clark, Mrs McB Smith, Mrs Henderson, Miss Gordan.

REFRESHMENT TABLE.

Mrs Carmichael, Mrs B Gordan, Mrs R B McMicking, Miss Angus, Miss Rennie, Miss Cameron, Miss Gordan, Miss Robertson, Mrs Bland and Mrs Jack.

CANDY STAND.

Miss Ethel McMicking, Miss Amy Angus, Miss Amy Carmichael.

DOLLS' TABLE.

Misses Heisterman and Misses Eeh.

The committee, consisting of Mrs Robson, President; Mrs T M Henderson, Vice-President; Mrs R B McMicking, Secretary; and Mrs McB Smith, Treasurer, are to be congratulated on the success of the fair which will add materially to the funds already collected for the construction of the new cathedral.

Pacific Coast Trade.

Bradstreet's San Francisco agency reports 15 failures in the Pacific coast states and territories for last week, as compared with 20 for the previous week, and 8 for the corresponding week in 1887. The market is in a downward condition. Australian coals have been further marked down. The price principally for cargoes from such collieries as Seattle and Sydney, as produce only steam coal that come in direct competition with our coast output, have also been marked down materially. Coast cargoes show a clear loss of $1.50 to $1.75 per ton to the shipper. Coast mines are shipping freely, but very little is accumulating in the yards owing to increased consumption. The hop market is very dull and the prospects are not encouraging for any immediate movement in consequence. The stock of California cattle is light. Nearly all the arrivals during the past week have been from Nevada and Eastern Oregon, the latter being in the best condition. Prices for salmon and wool remain firm. Wheat is higher; barley easier; oats and corn dull; sugar lower; potatoes and onions firm; butter weaker, and eggs in good demand.

TO THE TIMES ONLY.

A Man Supposed to Be in a Trance—His Funeral Postponed—Woman Suffrage.

The Eastern Winter—No Tidings of Ogilvie, the Northern Explorer who is Overdue.

Special to THE TIMES.]

Winnipeg, Dec. 18—The city council last night decided to purchase forty acres, north of St. John's College, for a new city cemetery.

John Lowe, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, is in the city. He is going to investigate the quarantine question at Fort McLeod.

ANOTHER EXPLORER MISSING.

No News of Ogilvie—The Teams Return from Mackenzie River.

Special to THE TIMES.]

Edmonton, Dec. 18—For the second time the teams sent to Athabasca landing to meet W. Ogilvie, D. L. S., who is on way out from Mackenzie River, came back without him. Nothing has been heard of or from him.

ONTARIO DISPATCHES.

Female Suffrage—Desperate Efforts to Defeat the Liberal Candidate.

Special to THE TIMES.]

Toronto, Ont. Dec. 18—The Young Liberals and Young Conservatives in joint session this evening voted down a resolution in favor of female suffrage.

The total amount raised in the Methodist churches on Sunday in behalf of the cause of a university federation was $15,000, making the total amount raised to date rather over $133,000.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 18—Desperate efforts are being made by the Government to defeat Col. Rhodes in Megantic. The delegation is here every day about the election.

Kingston, Ont., Dec. 18—Thos. Thornton, a convict, escaped from the penitentiary to-day.

Port Hope, Ont., Dec. 18—Rev. Dr. Omar, the venerable rector of St. John's Church, dropped dead at the railway station this morning.

IN A TRANCE.

The Burial of a Body Delayed—The Eastern Winter.

Special to THE TIMES.]

Quebec, Dec. 17—Everything was in readiness at Casilica to-day for the funeral services of C. Merrissette, advocate, whose sudden death was announced some days ago. The funeral was postponed as there seems to have been a doubt whether Merrissette was really dead or only in a trance. Dr. Verge made several professional efforts to ascertain if it was a case of suspended animation. Another doctor and two students from Lavalle University held an examination and agreed with Verge that death had supervened; but the interment has been postponed to Wednesday to make sure.

It began snowing here on Saturday night and continued all day. At midnight a heavy gale set in from the East and the drifts are unusually heavy. The city streets are more or less blockaded and the country roads impassable. Trains are all delayed.

AUSTRALIAN CABLE.

Principal G. M. Grant Interviewed on His Way East over the C. P. R.

Field, B. C. Dec 18—Principal Grant, of Queen's College, Kingston, being interviewed on the subject of Australian opinion with regard to the proposed cable to Vancouver Island, answered: "There is unanimity every where on the subject, and in some quarters strong feeling in its favor. Mr. Gilies, Premier of Victoria, has had interviews with the British Admiral with the object of inducing the Admiralty to employ three ships on the survey, instead of one, and has stated that his Government is ready to pay its full share of the cost. The merchants of Melbourne are a unite on the subject. Sir Thomas McIlwraith, Premier of Queensland, heartily concurs with Mr. Gilies, and thinks, too, that the sooner steamship service also is established the better. Sir Henry Parkes, Premier of New South Wales, the Premier Colony, was said to be opposed. That is not so. In seconding a vote of thanks to me at a public meeting in Sydney, he spoke in favor of it, and he always speaks advisedly. Members of his government spoke similarly in private. South Australia is no longer opposed, since her interests in the transcontinental line to Port Darwin are not to suffer by the proposed new route. On public grounds her leading men and those of West Australia, desire an alternative cable. All prominent New Zealanders that I met are strongly in its favor, and Sir James Hector, the most competent scientific authority, thinks it should be laid at once without waiting for a survey, so certain is he that it can be done easily and successfully. It appears that the present duplicate cable from Java crosses a volcanic belt, hence the frequent inexplicable breakages of both cables from Banjowasji to Port Darwin are certain to recur. The parties concerned being practically unanimous a conference of them would, I believe, have immediate results. My references to the question at public meetings and elsewhere, were only incidental. I was there as a private person, without any authority, official or otherwise, but they were always enthusiastically cheered. The cordial welcome given me as a Canadian, a brother colonist, and a fellow citizen, I can never forget."

Personal Purity.

Sixty-three young men listened with the closest attention to the talk at the Y. M. C. A. last night by the Rev. P. McF. Macleod on the above subject. The reverend gentleman spoke of the great prevalence of impurity and how it was ruining thousands upon thousands of the young men of our land; how some forms of it weakened the muscles, impairs the eyesight, weakens the voice, dulls the understanding, weakens the will and so takes away one after another the chances of success in business and life. He quoted from Dr. Clarke, of the Toronto lunatic asylum, to show that nearly one-half of the inmates were brought there by impure lives. Several deadly sins of young men were taken up and dealt with in a plain and forcible manner. It is hoped that at a later day another lecture can be given in the same line. This is the second talk that has been given at the association and a growing interest is shown in them.

Steamer Lost.

A dispatch from Whatcom says that Capt. Scholl's steamer Nooksack was snagged Saturday near Lyeden and sank in the channel. High water carried away the upper housing, and floating logs wrecked her. She now lies on her side badly injured. Valuable papers and books were lost. The captain's loss is $6000.

MARVIN VS. ADAMS.

A Case in Which a Good Deal of Interest is Taken.

This case, being an action brought by the plaintiff, J. B. Adams, against E. B. Marvin to recover $20,000 damages from the latter for alienating the affections of Adams' wife, came before Mr. Justice Crease yesterday and a special jury whose names have already been given.

The plaintiff occupied the witness stand till 5 o'clock in the evening, much of the time being occupied in the reading of correspondence which had passed between the plaintiff and defendant while the latter carried on a milling business in the upper country and the defendant acted as his agent in this city. Plaintiff described the circumstances under which defendant went to live at his house; how that he (Adams) was occupied at his business in the upper country, and how upon his return he discovered his wife's coldness culminating in her final estrangement from him.

In cross-examination witness swore that he never abused or ill-treated his wife. He had frequently sent her money. Witness in reply to a question stated that he had been tried and convicted in Tombstone, Arizona, for manslaughter and sentenced to five years imprisonment. He was pardoned, however, after serving a few months in answer to a petition signed by all the leading people of the territory it being shown that the killing was justifiable. The trouble with the party killed arose through Adams getting judgment against him for rent, and meeting him on the street afterwards a few hot words ensued during which he struck Adams with a heavy stick over the head cutting through the rim of his hat and splitting his ear open. Adams fell and was lying on the ground when the other man advanced to the attack again and was about to deliver another blow when Adams shot him. He (witness) claimed that he was wrongfully convicted and of which the pardon he produced was part evidence. He had considerable money then but was now a poor man. Refused to say who paid for the prosecution of this suit.

Mrs. Grace Adams-Williams testified to the defendant going to places of entertainment with her mother and to his making presents. He treated all in the house the same in that respect at Christmas time or at such occasions. He did not keep the house; he was a boarder and paid $50 per month for his board. Supposed he was a single man. Witness first recollection of her father (the previous witness) was when she was nine years of age. Her recollections of him were anything but pleasant.

To Mr. Pooley—I mean that he was always swearing and making it unpleasant when he was around.

D. H. Adams, sworn—Witness was a brother of the plaintiff. His brother was fond of his wife and children. He (witness) was not on good terms with his brother's wife. Knew Marvin from the time he landed here and thought he was a civil sort of a fellow. He had seen defendant and Mrs. Adams a good deal together. Did not know any lodger who showed so much attention to his landlady. While his brother was up country his wife did a great deal of entertaining. John (my brother), was on very good terms with Marvin. He and I were not on speaking terms for some time. I did not like Mrs. Adams. Marvin and she influenced John entirely. He would not listen to me at all. He was a hard-working man; none more so.

To Mr. Pooley—Yes, Mrs. Adams gave plenty of parties. There was plenty of music going and lots of people round. It was a big splurge. She didn't stint a bit.

Harriet Bryant, sworn—Lived in Mrs. Adams' house in 1867. Saw Mr. J. B. Adams there once when he came down. They always kept a good table. Mr. Adams was a very kind husband. He thought a great deal of his family. Always heard him speak kindly to his wife and family. Never heard him swear. Saw Mr. Marvin at the house. He was there as a boarder. The amount I was paid while there was $20 a month. Mrs. Adams paid me.

To Mr. Pooley—I think Mr. Adams only came down once while I was there. I speak only of the year 1867.

W. G. Bowman, sworn—I have known John Adams and Mrs. Adams since '57. Made their acquaintance in San Francisco. They lived at one time near my stables on Douglas street. I know E. B. Marvin. Have had an opportunity to see how Mr. and Mrs. Adams got along in the house. They got along well. Saw Mr. Adams about the house. He would get up and light the fire. He always spoke with respect about his wife and family. Had a good many transactions with him. He always paid me. Always believed him to be a sober, hard-working man. Mr. Adams never told me anything about his trouble.

To Mr. Pooley—I don't know how often Mr. Adams lighted the fire, but I have seen him do it anyway. Yes, I have done the same thing myself, but I never made my own breakfast. I have seen Mr. Adams do it. I was boarding with him that is how I come to know this.

Court here adjourned till 10:30 on Tuesday.

TO-DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

Court opened at 10:30 a. m. Three witnesses, Brown, Marshall and Innes, were called to prove the good character of the plaintiff. This closed the case for the prosecution.

E. B. Marvin, the defendant, then took the stand. He denied the charges of having enticed plaintiff's wife away.

Mr. Mills proceeded with the cross-examination. At reqnest of counsel for the defence the abstract of a joint deed was produced by E. M. Johnson, barrister, dated 12th Sept., 1885, which reads: E. B. Marvin to Simeon Duck "to the use of Minerva Taber Adams in fee for her sole and separate use, subject to the joint occupancy and tenancy of E. B. Marvin and Minerva Taber Adams for their joint lives and for the life of the said E. B. Marvin if he survive the said Minerva Taber Adams—but neither to have the power of leasing or otherwise disposing of the possession of said premises during such occupancy."

Witness mentioned that in assisting plaintiff's wife in San Francisco to procure a divorce he had done it as a friend.

Mr. Mills—Was this transaction about joint occupation of the house on Fort street merely done as friendly.

Witness—Well, I don't know; it was a real estate transaction.

Mr. Mills—Is that what you call an agreement for the joint occupation of a house? In whose name was the contract let?

Witness—In mine.

Mr. Mills—Where did the $5,000 come from that is referred to in the deed? Did Mrs. Adams pay it?

Witness—Not in cash.

Mr. Mills—In what, then?

Witness—She conveyed a piece of land.

Mr. Mills—Did you get that land from she Adams?

Witness—Yes, a portion of it.

Mr. Mills—How did Mrs. Adams get it?

Witness—I gave it to her to provide a home for herself.

Mr. Mills—And you induced her to invest it in this house and lot on Fort street.

Witness—Yes.

Mr. Mills—And yet you say in the interrogatives that you did not interest yourself in the plaintiff's wife except as a friend.

Witness—I was living there as a boarder and did nothing that I can see that any other might not have done.

Counsel for the plaintiff here produced a number of grocery bills, etc., made out in the name of and paid by the defendant also entries of cash in defendant's books against plaintiff's wife.

The case is still proceeding.

PERSONAL.

Items Telling of the Movements of Well Known Persons.

Ald Clarke, of Vancouver, who led the poll in No 3 ward at the recent election, is in the city.

Lord Ennismore was not removed from St Joseph's Hospital yesterday. His medical attendant considers that it would not be advisable to remove the patient for a few days.

M Humber and son left for the mainland last night. They will also visit the Sound before returning and will be absent about a week.

Hon John Robson, having concluded his business with the Dominion Government, left Ottawa for this city yesterday.

Mr J Holland, the contractor, leaves on the morning steamer for Vancouver, where he has a large business block in course of construction.

Mr Theo Davie, Mrs Davie and daughter left on the North Pacific this morning *en route* to San Francisco, where Christmas will be spent with relatives.

DRAWING ROOM

Entertainment at the Pandora St. Methodist Church.

A large number of ladies and gentlemen attended the drawing room social given last evening by the ladies of the Pandora street Methodist church. The parlors adjoining the church were decorated to represent cosy drawing rooms, with small tables placed on the carpets and robes at which numerous small parties amused themselves by playing checkers, chess and dominoes. A programme of vocal and instrumental music was given under the direction of Prof. Sharpe. Before this portion of the entertainment commenced the worthy pastor, Rev. J E Starr, referred to the work accomplished by the ladies under whose auspices the drawing room was given. The pastor spoke of the work done by the committee of the church in their attention to the needy and strangers and the many homes made glad by the presence and Christian charity of the members of the ladies' institute.

The musical and literary portion of the entertainment consisted of the following pieces: Instrumental solo, Prof Sharpe; vocal solo, J G Brown; reading, Mrs Starr; solo, Miss Barridge; solo, Mr. Robson; reading, Mrs J E Gardner; vocal solo, Prof Sharpe; piano solo, Miss Broderick. The novel entertainment was brought to a close shortly after 10 o'clock and the much pleased audience were loud in their praise of the first Drawing Room held in connection with the Ladies Institute.

NANAIMO NEWS.

The Depot Robbery—Slight Accident at Wellington.

From the Free Press.]

Some time during Sunday night a determined thief broke the wicket between the waiting room of the Nanaimo Railway depot and the railway and telegraph office. By this means he obtained an entrance to the office. There he broke open the drawer in the telegraph table in which Ms. Callaghan, the operator, had left the telegraph money. He found between $60 and $70 dollars there and took it. The thief also stole a small express package containing a watch, which he found in the office. Fortunately Mr. Shaw, station agent, had the railway money in the safe, and that evidently was beyond the ability of the burglar to open. The city police have the matter in hand. The fact of the wicket being a small one shows that the robbery must have been committed by a thin, spare person.

The sickness at the Union mines is rapidly abating, only two persons being sick at present, and they are on the fair way to recovery.

The ship Autrim is still discharging steel rails, which are now laid to the bridge across Trent river.

Mr. Allen, a miner, working in the East Wellington Colliery, was slightly burned by gas on Saturday. Dr. Walkem, colliery surgeon, dressed the wounds.

The hoisting machinery for the new North Field mine of the Vancouver Coal Company arrived by the steamer Dunsmuir on Sunday and will at once be placed in position. The work on the pithead frame is also being proceeded with.

IS STANLEY ALIVE?

People Who Believe He is and Why They Think So.

London, Dec. 16—The quite general assumption that Henry M. Stanley is a prisoner in the hands of Khalifa Abdallah, the False Prophet of the Soudan, has not extended to the officials of the British Imperial East African Company. These gentlemen, including Sir Francis De Winton, and William McKinnen, express their unqualified belief in the explorer's safety and ultimate return to civilization, and base their belief upon the contention that the proofs of his capture furnished by Osman Digma are insufficient, illogical and contradictory. Uganda missionaries, although ample time has elapsed for their doing so, make no mention of the Mahdi's alleged victories, and the British Imperial officials are therefore constrained to believe that no battle between the Mahdi's forces and those of Stanley or Emin, or both, has taken place. Osman Digma palpably lies when he pretends that he does not know the name of the "white traveller" he speaks of, and the mentioning of cartridges is merely effective as weakening his assumption that the unknown white man is Stanley. The last consignment of rifles sent to Stanley consisted wholly of weapons of the Remington pattern, which the Snider cartridges produced could not be made to fit. In spite of the probable abandonment of the lately proposed Emin relief expedition, Lieutenant Wissman has expressed his determination to proceed to Africa next month, and this resolve is regarded as confirming the suspicion that Germany has determined to extend her influence in East Africa at all hazards.

Louisiana Lottery.

New Orleans, Dec. 18—The winning numbers in to-day's drawing were: First, 69,704; second 68,744; third 43,085; fourth 58,096; fifth 8,930; sixth 82,569; seventh 85,788; eighth 63,988; ninth 82,930; tenth 13,683; eleventh 53,134; twelfth 35,442; thirteenth 36,677; fourteenth 61 717; fifteenth 87,468; sixteenth 99,230; seventeenth 97,393; eighteenth 15 735; nineteenth 94,355; twentieth 21,096; twenty-first 99,266.

Accident.

W. McNeilty, a longshoreman employed on the bark Æ helber, fell from the yardarm of that vessel at 2.45, and struck the deck. His left arm was shattered and his head badly cut. In his descent the injured man struck a rope which broke his fall and saved his life. Dr. Hennington was called on and the man was removed to the Royal Hospital.

ALL THE WORLD OVER.

The Haytian Republic Surrendered—The Siege of Suakim—Panama Canal.

Bill for the Admission of Territories—The Siege of Londonderry—Accidents.

Chicago, Dec. 17—The *Times* will say to-morrow: Fay Templeton, the well known comic opera artist, has been mysteriously missing from her company several nights past. Excuse has been made that she was ill, but that has been exploded, investigation showing that she has not been at her boarding house since first missing. It is quite generally believed to-night that the gay favorite has started on another of her European adventures.

A GENERAL DYING.

New York, Dec. 18—Charles G. Dahlgren, an ex-Confederate general, who served from the beginning to the close of the war, is dying here from a complication of disorders.

A GERMAN EXPELLED.

Paris, Dec. 18—A German named Blumenhall has been expelled from France for taking photographs of fortifications.

CAPTURE OF STANLEY.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18—The State Department has received a communication from the British Legation stating that the British Government is in receipt of news of the reported capture of Emin Pasha and Stanley by the Arabs in the Soudan but that no special information has been obtained to confirm the report.

SIEGE OF SUAKIM.

London, Dec. 18—In the Commons, last night, Mr. James Ferguson said a close perusal of Osman Digma's letter increased the doubt as to its genuineness, and it did not bear the impress of truth. It appeared to be a clever Oriental device and was not sufficient to delay the raising of the siege of Suakim. Gladstone said it was essential to determine whether the occupation should be made by the British or Egyptians. If it were made by Egyptians it would be mischievous, while if British occupation was necessary the matter ought to be submitted to the judgment of the house. He himself was averse to any occupation of Suakim.

TRENCHES SHELLED.

The Arab trenches were heavily shelled by forts last night.

ADMISSION OF TERRITORIES.

Washington, Dec. 18—Congressman Springer, chairman of the house committee on territories, says he will offer an order at the first opportunity fixing a time for taking up his bill admitting Dakota, Washington, Montana and New Mexico, and will endeavor to press the measure to a vote.

AMERICAN CONTROL.

New York, Dec. 18—It seems to be the general belief that the leading bankers here may be induced to take hold of the Panama Canal scheme and make an arrangement whereby it could be controlled in this country and finished with American capital.

HAYTIAN REPUBLIC SURRENDERED.

New York, Dec. 18—Charles Brook, counsel for the Atlas S. S. Company, announces that the steamer Haytian Republic, seized at the island of Hayti, sailed this morning for this port, manned by an American crew, and will be delivered to the U. S. on her arrival here.

BIG DAMAGE BY FIRE.

London, Dec. 18—The Civil Service stores here were burned this morning. Damage, $40,000.

MILLERS' CONVENTION.

Milwaukee, Dec. 18—At the millers' convention to-day a resolution was adopted cutting down the output of flour one-half during February.

ANOTHER GOES UP IN SMOKE.

Iron Mountain, Mich., Dec. 18—At 1:30 this morning a fire started in the general merchandise store of Silverman, Davis & Levi. It was fanned by a strong north wind and the flames spread rapidly but were confined to the block in which it started. Loss, $100,000. Light insurance.

A DENSE FOG.

London, Dec. 18—A dense fog prevails to-day throughout England. The Queen was delayed two hours to-day while on her way from Windsor to Osborne.

PANAMA CANAL DAMAGED

New York, Dec. 18—Panama railroad communication with Colon is still interrupted by effects of a storm. The river Chagres rose again on Saturday but although still high is subsiding. The canal works were considerably damaged.

OPIUM SMUGGLING.

Sand Beach, Mich., Dec. 18—Government agents have recovered 40 pounds more of smuggled opium and there are still five hundred pounds which the officers are searching for.

TO PROTECT FRENCH INTERESTS.

Paris, Dec. 18—Owing to fears that the Panama Canal company's difficulties may give rise to disorders on the Isthmus, the French Government has decided to send a man-of-war to Colon to protect French interests. It is expected the United States will send two.

SIEGE OF LONDONDERRY.

Londonderry, Dec. 18—The bi-centenary of the siege of Londonderry was celebrated to-day with great enthusiasm. The Mayor led the procession of the citizens to the Cathedral, where the wife of the Mayor made a presentation of the new flags to replace those taken by the French. To-night a grand banquet and ball will be given.

The Opium Business.

Concerning the big opium seizure on Lake Huron, it is learned from government officials at Port Townsend that the consignment was owned by Joselyn, a well known person in Victoria, who assumed the name of John O. Harris at Sarnia, Ontario, where the opium was shipped across Lake Huron on the schooner Emma last July. A smuggler named Durant was captured with the schooner by special agent James McHale, who has the special agency lately made vacant by the transfer of Beecher. Durant who was acquitted is said to be related in Victoria.

Desertion.

W. Hyndman, a bandsman in C Battery, deserted last night. For some days the deserter has been arranging with another gunner to cross to the American side. A boat was ready on the beach near Clover Point and all preparations made for crossing the straits. The authorities heard of the proposed trip and kept a watch on the place selected for their departure. Last evening the two men left the barracks and walked along the beach. An armed escort was sent after them. It is supposed that they heard of the escort and did not carry out the plan laid out. Hyndman was determined to leave and has not been found. The other gunner was seen standing outside the barrack gate when the escort returned and was placed in confinement. Hyndman was the third man to desert lately. It is reported that Graham, who deserted last week, did not leave any debts in this city and no possible reason can be assigned for his desertion.

TO CLOSE BEHRING SEA.

An International Attempt to Protect the Seal Industry.

Washington, Dec. 16—A dispatch from Ottawa was published here recently purporting to give a forecast of a project relating to the closing of Behring Sea, which the President hints at in his message. The statement is wrong when it says the project "was to be submitted to all the maritime powers," and also wrong when it states that the agreement is regarded by the members of the Canadian cabinet as "an admission by the United States that their position that Behring Sea was a mere chausum was untenable." It is well known here in official circles that the project above referred to does not contain a word which denies or affirms the exclusive control of these waters of Behring Sea, ceded to the United States by Russia in 1867. It is a simple and direct agreement between Great Britain, Germany, Russia and the United States that their respective subjects shall be prohibited from any and all pellagic fur-sealing within the waters of Behring Sea from the 1st of May until the 1st of December annually. The Canadian Government has not been consulted at all in this matter. The Secretary of State has dealt with the British Premier direct, and this arrangement has met with a cheerful and willing response from Great Britain, Germany and Russia. The Canadians have interposed and caused much trouble, no doubt, but their efforts have been futile, and were quickly overruled at the Home Office. The proposal to close the sea between May and December would be a virtual surrender to the United States, for the sealing season is within the months named.

The *North German Gazette* asserts that all of the cryptography in the possession of the various German embassies and consulates emanating from the late Emperor Frederick, which was found to be missing and supposed to have been lost after the Emperor's death, was really burned by order of the government.

TELEGRAPHIC TICKS.

News of the World Condensed Into Pithy Paragraphs.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Lake Superior Copper Company yesterday in London, it was decided to voluntarily wind up the concern.

A bulletin was issued last night stating that John Bright passed a quiet day. His general condition is unchanged, though his lungs are worse than they were this morning.

Panama Canal shares are quoted at 93 francs and 75 centimes on the Bourse to-day. December 6th they were quoted at 175. Boulanger has sent a message of sympathy to DeLesseps.

A Bourse speculator named Bax, whose operations were principally copper, has defaulted from Paris for 12,000,000 francs.

The Cologne *Gazette* asserts that the British Ambassador at St. Petersburg has become decidedly anti-German in his attitude on international questions.

The London *Sunday Times*, in an article on the probability of Stanley's safety, says a friend of Stanley has suggested that the New York *Herald* again come to the rescue and send an expedition to find the explorer.

The exchange of shots between the Arab redoubts outside the town and the Egyptian garrison, aided by the British vessels in the harbor, still continues. During the firing which took place yesterday considerable damage was done to the enemy's earthworks.

During the trial of a trademark suit yesterday, the phonograph was introduced to reproduce letters and other papers. It worked successfully.

C Battery Barracks.

Special to THE TIMES.]

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 18—Sir Adolphe Caron said to-day that the reason for stopping work in connection with C Battery barracks at Victoria, was owing to scarcity of funds. For the same reason work was stopped on the improvements at the Military College, Kingston.

Coleman's Creditors.

An arrangement has been made with the creditors of W. T. Coleman. It is stated that terms have been made whereby 60 per cent. of the indebtedness will be paid those creditors holding security, and 40 per cent. to those who do not. A cash payment of 15 per cent. will be made to secured creditors, and 10 per cent. to unsecured creditors at once. The balance of the indebtedness will be paid in three equal installments of nine, eighteen and thirty months. The unsecured liabilities of the firm are $1,180,000.

Presentation.

At the close of the Drawing Room Social, held in the parlors of the Pandora street Methodist Church last evening, Misses Roper and Pope, on behalf of the 1st Bible class, presented an address and a gold headed cane to Mr. W. H. Burkholder, who has, for the past three years, filled the position of teacher. In future Mr. Burkholder will fill the position of Superintendent of the school. The recipient made a feeling reply thanking the donors for their appreciation of his services.

Good Prospects.

Mr. Henry Nicholson, government agent at Rock Creek, who has arrived in the city, reports things as looking unusually favorable for that camp. The Douglas company, after sinking a shaft for 100 feet on the Eureka claim and running a cross cut, have struck a ledge 9 feet 6 inches in width of very rich quality. As a consequence the Rock Creek locaters are quite jubilant. At the new camp, Okanogan, work is going on lively. A half interest in one claim was sold the other day for $3000, the conditions being that the amount should be spent in prospecting the mine.

Success of a Victorian.

At three weekly competitions in Shell Mound Park recently, a native Victorian distinguished himself as a marksman. The competition was between companies A and F of the Fifth Infantry regiments to decide the possession of a trophy. The highest score made on two of the occasions was by Corporal W. J. Downie—son of the well-known and ever welcome Major Downie, of this city—and who not only won the trophy for his company, but also a gold medal for himself. The major is quite proud of "Willie's" success, who was born on Douglas street in this city.

Summer Skies.

The weather to-day was all that could be desired and was duly appreciated by lovers of out-door exercise. The reports from Quebec, where snow blockades impede railway travel, will cause a shiver to run through the British Columbians enjoying Italian skies of the past four days. Mr. Thos. Partridge, City Collector, entered our sanctum this afternoon with green leaves from his Gloria Mundi apple tree and a Gladiolus grown in his garden which is 14 inches long. In Geo. Pottinger's garden, on Cook and North Park streets is an apple tree in blossom and Mr. T. J. Dearborg, of Pembroke street, has ripe raspberries on his bushes. The fine weather is likely to continue until Christmas.

—The eastern press pay high compliments to the Rev. Mr. Starr and his congregation for the vigorous way they took in dealing with the church debt.

THE MAN OF ALMONACID.

I am free to confess now that when I first heard of him I took him for a swindler. When I heard that Toledo had been his home for ten whole months—Toledo, which lives only by moonlight, and is the mere corpse of a city in the sunshine—when I heard of a modesty so very retiring, and remembered that England had no extradition treaty with Spain, my only wonder was as to the sum of his spoils. Was he a defaulter for thirty thousand pounds, or a petty rogue of all work?

"Ten months! That is a long time!" I said to Donna Mercedes, my informant, and the elder of the two old maids who kept the Casa de Huespedes, in which I found that I had this stranger for a neighbor. "One might see the antiquities even of Toledo in that time."

"Truly," she answered; "but then, Don Iago is a painter."

"Ah, now I understand!" I replied, with a great increase of cheerfulness. "One might paint Toledo for ten years and not have done. I, too, am a painter."

"And no doubt," said the old dame, beaming upon me through her round rimmed spectacles, "Don Iago will be known to you!"

I took up the visitors' book, in which the sand had not yet dried my autograph. "James Clent," I said, reading the name to which she pointed. "No, I do not know him."

Dona Mercedes was puzzled, being scarcely able to understand that two Englishmen, even two English artists, might be strangers to one another. But presently she crossed herself. "Don Iago is an old Christian," she said softly, and so went off with her book, benevolent still, but conscious, I fear, of a serpent in her Eden.

Eden was our boarding house. From a paved alley, the Calle del Arzobispo, you turned into an archway and groped for a door up three steps in the darkest corner. Then you pulled a weight which hung there and by and by the iron studded door opened as of itself and lo! a tiny courtyard, in which four orange trees in tubs produced an effect of somber gayety. Round this patio, at the level of a first floor, ran a veranda, reached by an uncovered staircase. All the rooms opened on to this veranda. On the right hand side were four little bedrooms. On the side which faced the entrance was the common parlor and on the left the kitchen and the old ladies' room, at a window of which one was always sitting ready to open the outer door with a cord whenever the bell jangled.

It was all very plain and primitive, but clean, and looking round my bedroom, which had whitewashed walls, and a matted floor, and for furniture a bed, a stool, a basin and a brasero, I found no cause to regret the dingy hotel I had left.

When I passed No. 1, on my way to dinner, the door was ajar, and Dona Mercedes was inside with a lamp in her hand. I paused before the door, and she, looking up, saw me. "Ah!" she said proudly, "did I not tell you that Don Iago was a painter? See here!" And she threw her light upon a picture which was resting on an easel before the window.

I saw at once that it was not badly painted. There was a show of facility about it. And yet it was mediocre, surprising me less by its execution than its subject. Here in Toledo, the grand and bizarre, in the midst of such architectural beauty and grotesqueness as fairly bewildered an artist's eye, my neighbor had not painted a street scene, a Moorish gateway, or a leafy cloister. He had chosen instead a country landscape almost as commonplace as it was dreary; a gray house and a gray, sloping olive grove, and round them bleak, wind swept uplands. I was scarcely more astonished to find that I knew the place. I had passed it the day before in my walk from Torrijos—walking is a whim of mine—and is was fully seven miles from Toledo.

At the time I said something pretty to Dona Mercedes, and went on to the parlor. My neighbor was late. I had nearly finished when he entered: He was a man of 35, perhaps, with a thin, careworn face and hair below the temples. He was about my height, wearing his hair and mustache cut short—a blonde, and English looking. He had probably heard of my arrival, yet he seemed put out at sight of me—perhaps merely because he was late.

"I have left the head of the table for you," I said, half rising, politely. "You have been here some time, I understand."

He was breaking his bread into morsels and eating with a worried air.

"Yes; the place suits me," he answered rather curtly.

"Yet you like to hear the lark sing as well as the mouse squeak," I replied, smiling. His tone was not encouraging, but I wished to be agreeable. "If I am not mistaken, I met you yesterday."

"Not that I am aware of," he said, with a hasty glance at me, and then devoted himself to his soup with renewed zest.

"No? On the pathway—I cannot call it a road—from Torrijos? About 2 o'clock?"

He shook his head. "You are mistaken," he answered. "I was not outside the town yesterday."

"Then I saw a man very like you!" I rejoined, nettled by his manner. "There is a ruined castle, called Almonacid, I believe, about a mile this side of Torrijos. As I was passing it I saw an Englishman, and an artist also, if a portfolio makes an artist, leave it and make quickly for the village before me. Somehow I missed him among the houses, and was too far from him at any time to see his features distinctly. But he was wearing clothes like yours."

"And like yours, too, I presume," he rejoined sharply. He had a way of waiting for you and taking you up suddenly, of which this was my first experience.

"Just so!" I said, for he was right; we were dressed alike. "But I am not aware that the mirage occurs in Spain. Perhaps you know Almonacid?"

"No," he replied, more equably, as if he were ashamed of his show of temper. "I have heard of it. But it is too far for my legs, and I cannot afford horse hire. I sometimes walk out in that direction, but not half as far."

I made a hasty calculation. Almonacid was nine miles from Toledo. The gray house and solitary olive grove were at least seven. So that when my friend said that he had not been half as far as Almonacid, he was not quite truthful, since he must have been to the scene of his picture. But it was no business of mine. He was a good looking man, and that which took him to the dreary farm house might well be a love intrigue—a thing dangerous to enter upon in Spain, more dangerous still to meddle with. I changed the subject.

I had had a difficulty about my letters. The postmaster had refused to give them to me because I had not my passport with me. Later the office had been closed. I told Clent this, and he listened, but his thoughts seemed far away, and when I had done he said, "No doubt you will get them to-morrow," in a perfunctory way, with scarcely a show of sympathy.

"I hope I shall," I answered, annoyed that he made so little of it. "I do not know what I shall do if I fail to get them."

"Oh, you will get them," he repeated carelessly.

He was wrong, as it turned out. But so was I when I went to bed, vowing I hated him. I did not take into account the change which twenty-four hours may make in our feelings. Just one day later I could not have identified the surly man I have described with my friend James Clent—James Clent, who had by that time rescued me from a most unpleasant position, and proved triumphantly that under his rough manner he had a sound heart.

It all arose out of the letters. I called at the postoffice next morning and handed in my passport. Ten minutes afterward I issued from the door dazed and bewildered, at my wits' end what to do. A few paces onward I ran against some one, and, muttering "Perdone usted!" would have passed on without looking up if the man had not seized me by the arm. It was Clent. "What is it, Mr. Lynton?" he cried good humoredly. "Have some senorita's eyes shot home? Or—but what is it? Can I help you? And he drew me out of the sunshine into the shade of the covered way which runs round the Zocodover, the great square of Toledo.

"Some one has intercepted my letters," I stammered. "A Spaniard called for them this morning, presented one of my visiting cards, and said I was at the Fonda de Lino—where I did stay one night. All that I can get out of the postmaster is that he gave up the letters and that all was done in order. Confound his stolidity! One of them contained £50!"

He whistled. "Then there is no time to be lost, Mr. Lynton," he cried. "Let us go first to the Fonda. It is possible that some busybody, knowing you did not get your letters yesterday, has fetched them for you on the chance of getting a peseta for his pains."

I gladly assented, and we went together to the hotel. But no one there would confess to knowing anything of my letter. No one had gone for them. As we left the yard I noticed that my companion looked keenly at the waiter, who was not too civil. "Do you suspect him?" I asked, when we were outside.

"I hardly know," Clent answered slowly. "Possibly you mislaid a card the night you slept there, so that he is one of the people to be suspected. But come, we will go now to the postoffice. I will help you as far as I can."

And indeed he did. His knowledge of the language was perfect, and it was wonderful to hear him scolding, questioning and complaining, without end of the wrongs his influential friend, whose passport he was waving under their official noses, had suffered. But when presently everything had been tried, and for the time tried fruitlessly, we stood in the square and looked somewhat blankly at one another.

"I say, Mr. Lynton," he began, "fifty pounds is a large sum to lose."

"I wish it were less," I replied, with an attempt at sprightliness.

"It does not cripple you altogether?"

"I can afford it, if that is what you mean. But—but it is a little inconvenient at present," I answered.

"It puts you in a difficulty for a few days?"

"Precisely. I cannot receive another remittance for five days at least. In the meantime I have six—yes, seven pesetas and a half."

"Umph! Call it six shillings and threepence," he replied, laughing. "The cathedral vergers will soon ease you of it, even were it more. But look here! we are next door neighbors, and you must let me help you. In a strange country I always keep a few pounds by me; they are at your service."

As he spoke he drew from an inner pocket a shabby letter case and took out a 200 peseta note—the only note, I saw, that the case contained.

"I am afraid," I said, doubtfully, "that I am inconveniencing you. And besides, you do not know me."

"I shall not need the money," he replied, quickly, "and as to my knowing you, I think I do—not you, personally, but your kind."

"That is well said!" I exclaimed with heartiness, "and I accept your offer on one condition—that if you want the money before Sunday you will tell me so."

"Why, if I do," he replied, laughing merrily, "you will have spent half of it."

"So I shall," I said, laughing myself, "but I have a watch, and Toledo, no doubt, has a—let me call it a Mont de Piete."

"Ciertamente!"—he cried gayly, and with a word about meeting at dinner, walked rapidly away, leaving me to my thoughts. I watched him as he threaded his way across the square between laden asses and graceful girls with pitchers, and comparing his slight upright form with the somber Spaniards who strutted up and down, keeping, even on this sunny day, a corner of the capa over the mouth, I felt proud of my countryman.

"I do not think," I said penitently to Jock (I have not mentioned Jock before, although he was at that time my constant companion—a collie dog with the long Scotch head and the tenderest eyes), "I do not think that I shall be so quick to judge the next man we meet and do not understand. Ah, those hasty judgments, Jock!" and I stroke my head, did Jock tell me.

In due course a second remittance came to hand, and I repaid my friend. By that time some of the wonder I had felt at his solitary life in Toledo—Toledo the somber—had passed away. He was not altogether solitary, putting myself out of the question. More than once, in the archway or on the veranda, I met a priest coming from his room—a small, dark, thin faced man with vivid eyes, a Spaniard, of course, who lifted his low crowned beaver to me and bowed politely. Once, too, I had a glimpse of a petticoat whisking out. Moreover, Clent seemed to be doing a better trade than I had judged probable from the specimen of his work which I had seen. Not that he told me this himself. He was reserved on the subject, neither offering to show me his pictures nor accepting my proposal that we should do some work together. But our letters sometimes lay on a slab inside the outer door, and I could not avoid seeing that he received several—dealers' letters, I was sure—from art centers—from Dresden and Munich, for instance. Once there was a letter bearing the postmark of St. Petersburg. This seemed strange in a man of his caliber; in a man who was not known to me. And, perhaps, besides puzzling me, it a little nettled me also. My name was not altogether unknown. Clent himself had said pretty things about his acquaintance with it. Yet I had no continental patrons, no market outside Great Britain.

If I had fallen in with him at Madrid or Seville I should have known what to think. I should have set him down as one of those copyists who live by all great galleries. And something upon which I lit one day in his room persuaded me for a time that this was the case, few as were the works in Toledo that could pay for the labor of copying. It was a picture, and the only one I saw at any time in his possession, save the somber landscape of which I have spoken.

I had run short of chrome yellow, and hearing him go to his room followed to ask him if he could let me have some. "I suppose I cannot get any chrome yellow in Toledo?" I began before I was well in the room, "nor anywhere nearer than Madrid?"

He was kneeling on the floor, but sprang up so quickly at the sound of my voice that I hastened to apologize for entering without knocking. He did not seem, at once, to understand me. He had been poring over something placed on the ground where it would catch the best light, and his first aim appeared to be to move so as to hide this from me. "What is it?" he cried harshly. "What do you want?" Even by that light I could see that his face was pale.

"My dear fellow," I said, not trying to hide my surprise, "I am sorry that I entered without ceremony, and I have told you so. I came in for nothing in the world but to ask you if any chrome yellow can be got nearer than Madrid. I was so full of my wants that, seeing the door was unlatched, I did not knock at it."

"Was it unlatched?" he asked, glancing at me askance.

I shrugged my shoulders. "Look for yourself," I said curtly.

He stepped forward and saw what I had already noticed—that the bolt was shot, but not into the socket. Something like a stifled curse escaped him. He turned, muttering that I could only get the material I needed in Madrid.

"That is unfortunate. But what have you got here?" I asked, advancing a step into the room. "What a capital bit of painting! It is a Ribera, is it not? It must be!" And, forgetting in my eagerness everything save that I had before me a singularly good copy of a fine picture, I actually waved him aside when he would have interposed. "It is one but Ribera," I cried, stooping over it, "could paint those lights and shadows! Yes, one! It is a genuine Spagnoletto for a hundred!"

"It is a copy!" burst from him in a tone of

"A copy!" I repeated after him in wonder. "A copy! Of course it is. So I supposed. Riberas do not grow on every bush, my friend. I meant that the original was a Ribera, and not merely of his school. But now you speak of it," and I went down on my knees, "are you so sure that it is a copy? How bright are these high lights, yet how mellow! And see the depth of the coloring here, and the tawny tone over all! By heavens," I said, rising and facing him abruptly, "it is not a copy!"

"It is!" he cried furiously; "I say it is! Do Riberas grow on every bush, madman?"

The word and the passion he threw into it sobered me at once. "I beg your pardon," I said, "I forgot myself. I am sorry for it. But the opinion I have uttered is my opinion still. And if I do not make a mistake," I went on eyeing him shrewdly, "it is yours, too. I fancy, my friend, that you had just made the discovery when I came in, and that you dared hardly to entertain it. It is no wonder that such a thing threw you off your balance."

For he was trembling still, and glancing from me to the painting and back again in a distraught fashion. "Yes," he said at length, getting out his words with difficulty, "I thought it possible, just possible, but how very, very improbable!"

"Yes, very improbable, if, as I suppose, you bought the picture for a copy. But where did you get it?" I asked briskly. I thought that I was beginning to understand him.

"I bought it from a priest for an old song at Almonacid."

"At Almonacid!"

He moved uneasily, as if he would have recalled his last word. But it was too late, and he nodded assent. "Then after all it was you whom I saw that day!" I commented. "You had just bought it, I suppose."

"Yes, I had a doubt about it then."

"It is a strange story, but strange things happen," I said, watching him narrowly.

"It is true."

Of course I pretended to believe him, and seeing clearly that he wished me gone I took myself to my room. In part I did believe him, only I thought it strange that an artist of his kidney should be so greatly ashamed of having outwitted an old monk; so greatly ashamed as to tell the story of his cleverness in that hang dog fashion. It crossed my mind that I might be wrong in my judgment of the picture. It might be that the St. Christopher was only a copy after all, and Clent himself had made it, and was even then when I broke in upon him having it out with his conscience whether he should pass it off for an original or not. That was possible, but to me he had been a friend in need, and it was no business of mine.

The next day, the 17th of January, was to be the last of my stay in Toledo. I had all but finished the sketches I required, and if the truth must be told, I longed to be away. The stillness of the place haunted me. I hated the huge square alcazar which towered over all the Moorish gateways, the hundred silent churches. By noon I had made an end of my work, and hastily putting aside my materials I called Jock and started for a long ramble over the hills, where the alcazar did not bar the sunshine, though it was impossible to get out of sight of it. I did not return until darkness drove me back into the town.

Then I saw at once that there was something strange on foot. In the streets was an unwonted bustle, which rather grew than lessened as I approached the middle of the town. Knots of people carrying fagots passed hurriedly or stood together at the street corners. The Zocodover was thronged. As—in part curious and in part annoyed—I was pushing my way through the crowd, a clock struck 6, and, set in motion by that signal, the bells in every tower burst into sound. I was brought to a standstill. I had just time to wonder what it meant, when as by magic the bright glare of a hundred fires leaped up above the crowd, and glowing hotly on pillar and gable, flung huge shadows on the very steeples, and exposed at once a hundred silhouettes.

It was a weird, yet a beautiful sight. It pleased me to find it repeated in every street and open space I entered. I spent full an hour, tired as I was, in hurrying up and down to mark the effect of the firelight on this facade or that archway. And when at length I tore myself away and went home, I made quickly for the parlor to talk of what I had seen.

"I say, Clent!" I began, "have you been out? What is it? What does it all mean?"

Such a nervous fellow as he was! He jumped up, dropping his spoon into his plate with a clatter. "What does what mean?" he stuttered.

"These bonfires in the streets, to be sure. The sight is a most singular one! You ought to be out viewing it!"

He sat down at once. "Oh, the bonfires!" he said, resuming his meal. "The people are keeping St. Anthony's eve, that is all. It is customary here to do it in this way. You know St. Anthony is always represented with a fire by his side."

"I thought that it was something of that kind," I answered, following his example. "Will you come out with me presently and have a look at the town? The sightseers are orderly enough, though to judge from the stir at the gendarmerie the occasion is a special one."

"Is there a stir there?" he asked, pausing with his spoon half way to his mouth.

"Some civil guards, six or eight I dare say, and an officer were dismounting at the door as I passed. Apparently they had just come in."

"What! Did you notice what the officer was like?" Clent asked in a curious tone, but I was busy with my dinner.

"Yes," I answered, carelessly, "he had a hare lip. I remarked it because he had a good look at me as I passed. No! You do not mean to say that you have done already?"

He did not answer, and I looked up to learn the reason. I read something in his pale face and trembling lips which chilled me. The man was suddenly afraid. And not afraid merely. He was in such terror that the very instinct of concealment had passed from him. As his distended eyes met mine he tried to speak, but no sound came. Yet I knew what he would have said. His lips formed, "Can I trust you?"

"Can you trust me?" I repeated, trembling a little myself, and my mouth growing dry; "well, I hope so, I think so, Clent; I do, indeed. What is it, my good fellow?" for his very ears seemed to rise from his head, so intently was he listening for some sound. "What have you done? What do you fear?" I whispered.

"Fear?" he muttered, with his hand uplifted, "death, man! Hush! Come to my room." I obeyed his gesture as much as his words, and leaving the parlor we crept silently thither. When we were closeted together he stood facing me, and began to speak in breathless haste. "I did you a good turn the other day, Mr. Lynton; help me now. I am a Carlist—a spy! A man sent here to try the fidelity of the troops. Of late I have been suspected. Now I am sure I am betrayed. The punishment is death! In a few minutes they will be here."

"But what—what can I do for you?" I exclaimed in horror. No one seeing the man could doubt his danger, or at least his belief in it. "Why do you not escape while there is time?" I cried impatiently.

"Time! There is no time!" he answered with an oath of despair. "The house is watched. I dare not leave it. But you can do something for me. You can give me your passport and change rooms with me. We are much alike. Take my name for a few hours, nay, a few minutes. It will save my life—my life, sir! And for you—you know our minister! Yes! Then you will be in no danger."

"But," I said faintly—the man's distress was terrible to witness, and it all came so abruptly upon me—"the Spanish police are sometimes hasty and"— He flinched as if I had struck him. A fresh bit of trembling seized him. He turned from me with a curse and flung himself face downward on

I had hesitated before. I am not a bold man, and I had heard strange tales of summary justice done by the police. But here the risk seemed so little; the man's condition was so pitiable.

"Get up!" I said harshly, after a brief fight with myself. "I will save you if I can. You are an Englishman when all is said and done. But let us lose no time. You know best what must be done."

He sprang to his feet. At once he had all his wits about him. In a couple of minutes I had taken possession of his room, he of mine. With feverish expressions of gratitude he pocketed the passport I gave him. He dressed me in his long ulster and deer stalker hat; in which I have no doubt that I was like enough to him to pass for him in Spanish eyes. And all this he did with wonderful method, as if he had thought out the details before. It crossed my mind once that he had. His last step was to draw from his mattress two long rolls neatly covered with canvas. "They are papers," he said, pausing to listen, and looking doubtfully at them the while. "Lists of men. And men's lives they will cost if they are found," he added, with excitement. "Yet I dare not take them with me. I dare not. I shall get away by your help, but I shall be stopped more than once, and if these are found on me they will make it all of no use."

He was so reluctant, so sincerely reluctant, as I could see, to leave the papers, despite the risk he would run if he took them, yes, and so very nearly ready to run that risk, that I felt for the first time a sense of real sympathy for him. "Can we not hide them somewhere?" I suggested.

"No!" he answered bitterly, "they will leave no stone unturned here." And with that he thrust the papers back into the mattress—my mattress now.

"Why do you not destroy them?" I asked.

"There is no time," he answered sullenly. Then, moved by the force of habit, I think, he sat down on the bed precisely over them.

I wondered—at his answer first, then at another thing. "Why do they not come?" I said querulously. "Are you sure that they intend to come at all—that you have not made a fool of me for nothing?"

His face grew bright a moment and then fell again. "No," he replied; "they set a watch on this house as soon as they came into the town, and are only waiting now until a time when they may be sure that I am at home. That is all." I found out afterward that he was perfectly right in this.

So we sat in dreary expectation, waiting in that little whitewashed room for the clang of musket butts and tramp of feet that should tell us the crisis was at hand. The candle burned dimly, the air was heavy with the pungent odor that rose from the brasero. My eye fell upon his empty easel and the sight carried me back to a time, days before as it seemed instead of hours, when I had still regarded him in the light of a problem to be solved. "And are you an artist?" I asked abruptly. I was glad to break the silence.

"Oh, yes," he said with apathy, "I paint a little."

"And that Spagnoletto—the St. Christopher! Is it really an original?"

"It is the original. You were right," he replied. "It was the gift of a great monastery to the cause."

I whistled. "I think it is a pity," I said, with a jealous eye to the mattress on which he was sitting. The fancy that that priceless Ribera carelessly rolled up might be receiving with each instant some irremediable hurt was a dreadful thing to have on one's mind. When my traveling clock in the next room tinkled nine times, I could bear it no longer. "Look here!" I said, rising, "I am going out. If you are right, I shall be arrested, and there will be an end of it. If not, I shall come back and there will be an end of this foolery. Jock! lie there; good dog!" I added, pointing to the bed. And I strode to the door. Of course I was still disguised in Clent's ulster and cap.

He leaped up and caught me by the arm. "Por Dios!" he cried, clinging to me. "You are going to betray me! You are English, and you can give me up!"

"Man alive!" I answered furiously, the fellow's distrust showed the black spot in him so plainly; "if I wish to betray you, I need only stay here and tell the first—the first who you are!"

He shrank back so that, I suppose, he saw its truth, and I went out, passed down the gallery and the stairs to the outer door. As I opened this and, meeting the wind, stepped into the darkness of the entrance, before which the embers of a fire still glowed faintly, I confess that I felt nervous—very nervous. With each step that I took I looked for a challenge or a violent hand on my shoulder; yet I sprang aside when a lightest of touches fell on my sleeve.

"It is I, Pablo! Go no further!" hissed a voice in my ear. "The street is guarded, or, I have risked much to save you, but can do no more. If you get through is it Almonacid?"

"Si, hombre, si," I whispered. Then clutching in my turn the stranger as he was gliding from me I continued: "But stay, amigo. Tell me what I can do!"

"I do not know. Have you no safe hiding place inside?" he answered, cautiously. "Ha! what is that?" It was the sound of approaching feet. As soon as this was certain, "Let me go!" he cried, angrily, trying to tear himself from my grasp. "It is like you! You would destroy me to do yourself no good!"

I released him. While he fell back into the darkness I retreated, cursing my folly the while, into the archway and tried to efface myself against the wall. I was caught in a trap.

The position was not a pleasant one. Tramp! tramp!—the feet came on so steadily and surely until half a dozen forms stood between me and the dying fire outside. A whispered word followed, then a flashing span of lanthorns, a momentary starting back of all parties as a mustached guard discovered me, and with the ringing out of a word of command half a dozen carbines came to the present in front of my breast.

"Is this our man?" cried the leader. He did not wait for an answer, but added, imperiously, "Your name, senor?"

"I am English. Is not that sufficient for you? Have a care what you are doing," I answered.

"Enough; enter. Conduct us to your room," was his order.

I went in. On the veranda, at the door of No. 2, stood Clent, holding a candle above his head, so that his face was in shadow while the light fell on us. He was pale, as I saw a moment later, but he played his part to admiration. "What is this?" he asked, with the superior air which Englishmen permit themselves abroad. "What does this mean?"

"Your name, sir?" cried the leader, by way of answer.

"My name is Rouse Lynton, and I am an artist and an Englishman," he replied, haughtily. "Here is my passport, and I ask you again what this means?"

The officer cast a single glance at the paper and returned it. "It is in order," he said politely. "I have made inquiries and know about you, senor. Do not let me disturb you. We are merely making a capture."

"But he, too, is English," put in Clent, looking at me in well feigned surprise.

"Ciertamente! but criminal."

"Good heavens! I do not believe it; it cannot be. Is there nothing," he added, addressing me with concern, "that I can do for you! Send a telegram, or anything of that kind!"

"Yes," I cried eagerly, "telegraph to the English minister at Madrid."

"It shall be done, and at once. Keep up your heart."

"Spare your pains, sir," interposed the leader with a grim smile; "you will do no good. And besides, the office is closed."

"Then I will have it opened," cried Clent hotly, acting the English traveler to the life, and with a gesture of encouragement he rattled noisily away.

"Your room is No. 1," dictated the officer, addressing me. "Enter."

I did so. Jock sprang up, and with his coat bristling about his neck, growled ominously at my companions. I told him to lie down.

"It is the other Englishman's dog," said one of the guards.

"Is that so?" replied the officer, glancing sharply at me. "Then how comes it in this room! But to work! Search!"

In five minutes their skillful fingers had overhauled the luggage which was lying about. They found nothing to the purpose.

"The bed," was the next command.

I do not know what seized upon me then; whether it was sheer longing to give vent to my excitement that carried me away, or the memory of Clent's words, "And men's lives they will cost," that inspired me with some spirit that certainly was not my own. I cannot say. Only I know that when the order "Now the bed" was given I sprang between it and the searchers.

"No!" I shouted, waving them back. "Wait!"

If I had a dim notion of delaying them and gaining time the attempt was as vain as it was foolish.

"Madman!" cried the leader, dropping the mask, and suddenly beside himself with rage; "stand back. Juan, Felipe, do your duty!"

I flung one from me! another! I had a moment's awful consciousness of a carbine leveled at my chest, of a finger pressing on the trigger, of a sheathed sword that struck up the weapon a second before it exploded, of the officer shouting in a voice of thunder above the tumult, "No aqui! Despues!" and then a strong arm flung me forcibly against the wall. I saw Jock leap forward, his teeth bared—saw some one fire hastily—saw the dog fall bleeding by the bed. The room grew thick with smoke.

"Oh, my God!" I cried, and covered my face. I was trembling in every limb. Some one not ungently drew the dog aside. Instinctively I knelt down and tried to stanch the blood. Poor Jock!

Presently—in the meantime I was taking no heed of their doings—I heard a cry of satisfaction and looked up. They had discovered the two rolls and bending over them as they lay on the bed were unfastening the wrappers. I went and looked on apathetically. I waited no longer with any feeling that it concerned me to see the muster rolls, and loyal autographs, and promises that were to cost so dearly, of which Clent had spoken. But what was this? The Spagnoletto! Oh, yes! I understood how that came to be here. But these—these pictures which followed! Could it be that all the subscriptions took the form of paintings? Or what was this delicate Moro, fit for a royal gallery, doing here? And that possible Murillo? That portrait which might have been by Velasquez? That San Sebastian that was at least by a pupil of Caravaggio? My head reeled. I passed my hand over my eyes and looked again. It was not a delusion. There, the canvases lay one on the other, their edges strangely rough, their corners frayed—canvases worth a king's ransom.

The other roll was full of odds and ends, valueless, but equally strange; picture backs and rough pieces of cloth and opened letters. Among these last I saw, with scarcely any added wonder, envelopes and letters directed to myself.

"I do not understand," I said feebly, looking from one guard to another. They had all turned to me to see how I took their discoveries. "He told me that he was a Carlist—a spy sent here to bribe the troops. But what are these doing here! I do not understand."

"Who told you—and what?" cried the leader.

"Clent! Clent told me—" and then I stopped dazed and bewildered. Two or three laughed; the officer, gazing fixedly at me, did not. I met his gaze vacantly; then my eyes wandered to the corner and fell upon poor Jock. A mist passed from my mind, my brain cleared; I spoke aloud and sharply, "He has fooled us all!" I said, "you as well as me! I am not Clent. I am Rouse Lynton, the artist. He told me"—

"Who! who! who!" cried the officer, with fierce impatience.

"Clent, the man whom you want—the man in No. 1. He told me that he was a Carlist in danger of arrest. I gave him my passport; I took his room and he mine. What is it he has done?"

"Fool!" cried the man, stamping about the room in furious rage. "Can you not see? He is a robber of museums—the captain of a gang. Dons, blockhead of an Englishman! Madre de Dios! did he not kill a civil guard at Valladolid ten months ago? He is now a German, now an Englishman. He is the devil himself, whom, for all that, we had netted finely but, for you! Yet, fool that I was, I feared something when the dog obeyed you."

I remembered that I had read in the English newspapers of picture robberies in various parts of Spain, in which it was supposed that a German was engaged. By this light I understood it all. The man's terror when I discovered him gloating over the Spagnoletto which had been stolen from a monastery at Seville; his letters from distant dealers; his studied appeal to my sympathies; his greedy reluctance, which I had thought pure unselfishness, to part with his spoils; even the casual "job" which had made him master of my £50! I understood them now. Yes, had this been all—had Jock not been lying bleeding in a corner—I would have let the man go. As it was, I cried out to them, "Quick! I will tell you where you will find him! He will make for Almonacid. You know the place!"

"Did he tell you that also?" asked the officer scornfully.

"No," I exclaimed, "I had it from one of his gang in the street—one who took me for him as you did. Almonacid is their rendezvous. You are watching the railway station here! Yes. Then be sure he will make across country for Almonacid, which is only a mile from Torrijos station on the other railway."

There was sense in my words, and the police saw it. The ring of scowling faces round me brightened. A few hasty sentences were exchanged, and an order was curtly given, and in two minutes the officer and his following trooped down stairs, no doubt to get to horse and start after the fugitives; leaving me in charge of a couple of town police, who good naturedly helped me to do what I could for Jock. Jock was not dead, nor going to die, I am glad to say, of that wound, although he walks lame to this day, the bullet having cut the tendons at the root of the fore leg.

When I found that this was so, I began to be sorry that I had betrayed Clent's trust, though in fact he had never trusted me. "I wish that I had not spoken so soon," I said to one of my guards as we sat over the brasero, wondering what was doing at Almonacid.

"It is ill work standing behind a kicking mule," he answered dryly.

"But second thoughts are best."

He considered this; then said briefly: "The last orange the frost nips."

The full meaning of which only came home to me next morning. About 10 o'clock the officer of police came clattering up the stairs to discharge me from custody. He told me politely that owing to the amends I had made no notice would be taken of my vain attempt to mislead justice.

"Vain attempt! Vain! Then you have captured him!"

"No, senor."

"Not! He has escaped!" I cried in astonishment.

"Hardly; he tried," replied the Spaniard, meeting my eyes with a smile. "He was shot in the scuffle."

"Dead!" I said faintly.

"Yes, senor, quite dead."

Then I knew for certain what the words, No aqui! Despues! ("Not here! Afterward!") had meant. And I shivered.

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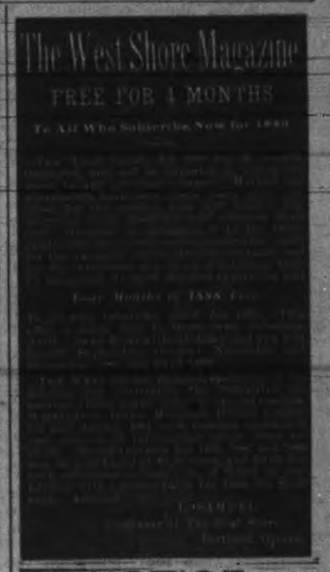

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WHAT THE CITY WANTS.

We agree with much that is said by our morning contemporary in respect to the desirability of good men coming forward at the approaching municipal election. There is, unfortunately, a distinct animus in the utterances of the government organ; but leaving that aside for the present as a matter purely personal to a disappointed candidate for the mayoralty, we can endorse the general contention, that the council board of 1889 ought to be composed of men who have the best interests of the city at heart. Those who are specially qualified, from education, business and professional training, and general standing in the community, to discharge the duties of the position in a manner acceptable to the people, do not, as a rule, seek after the questionable honor. Some of them are not "popular," while others have a pronounced aversion to the miserable system of wire-pulling and log-rolling by means of which important municipal affairs are too frequently determined. Councillor PEARSE made an effort to perform his duties conscientiously and faithfully, but becoming disgusted at the treatment accorded him by some of his associates, resigned his seat, and thus the services of a faithful and disinterested councillor were lost to the city. It is a misfortune of our civic government that the most important issues are frequently decided outside of the council by a combination of the members, the cohesiveness of the ring being maintained on the reciprocal principal of "you scratch my back and I will scratch yours." What the city wants is men who will be above the petty tricks of the ward politician. With a majority of the council of 1889, composed of independent, and intelligent, and public-spirited citizens, the ratepayers would cheerfully vote every dollar asked for to complete projected improvements and to inaugurate new ones. With renewed confidence in the patriotism of our aldermen, faith in their disinterestedness and a conviction that they possessed the required ability, and a progressive spirit, the financial support would be provided, and under the new order of things—when every man was for the city—many urgent reforms would be effected and Victoria would be kept abreast of the times in everything that goes to make a healthy, moral and beautiful city.

ITALY'S TROUBLE.

A year or two ago Italy, with the consent of England, took possession of Massowa, the port of Abyssinia, as a sort of counter stroke to the annexation of Tunis by France. The action was not regarded with any general disfavor, as it was hoped that the Italians would be able to open up friendly relations with the Abyssinians and develop commercial and civilizing intercourse with them, some time in the future establishing a protectorate over the whole country and assisting in the settlement of the Soudan and Central African problems. These dreams have not been realized. The Abyssinians, are mountain tribes, and like all mountaineers are fond of their independence, which they have maintained in spite of the utmost the Arabs could do. They have a strong national feeling and commercial interests enough to value Massowa highly. Moreover, they had good reason to believe it would be handed over to them when England compelled the Egyptians to withdraw. Italy has gained nothing and lost a great deal by her occupation of the Red Sea port and her ministry though they have apparently given up any idea of conquering Abyssinia are determined not relinquish possession of its port.

BETTER THAN A "SHOW."

The absence of the usual Lord Mayor's "Show" in London this year was a brave and praiseworthy innovation. Lord Mayor Whitehead, determined that the public money usually spent on an empty pageant had much better be given in some form or other for the help of the starving masses. So instead of lavishing money on tawdry circus displays he gave a feast to 10,000 workhouse inmates and recipients of outdoor relief. He sent in addition £100 to aid in providing a feast for the East End poor. Tickets were distributed by mission workers, in the homes of the poor, "preference being given to the most needy, men out of work, struggling widows, ill-fed and over-worked sewing girls, mothers of large families with little to keep them, and the like." The Christian World gives a graphic picture of the scene, two incidents of which are, in different ways, touchingly suggestive. One was so determined a struggle of a crowd of uninvited outsiders to force the gates of the banqueting hall, that seventeen police fought desperately to keep them back. The other was that the pork pies weighing three-quarters of a pound each, which constituted a part of the contents of the huge bag served out to each, "were generally carefully preserved," with what motive the onlooker could without much difficulty guess.

"THE CANAL IS MADE."

Gets Three Months Grace—The Company is Saved.

Paris, Dec. 14—In the deputies to-day, M. Peytral, minister of finance, offered a bill providing for the postponement for three months of payment of the Panama Canal Company's liabilities, including interest and redemption of bonds. He said that the lottery for the prizes attached to the bonds issued under the law of 1888, would continue according to the guarantees. He urged that a committee be immediately appointed to consider the bill. He insisted upon urgency in regard to the measure, otherwise, he stated, it would be useless. Several members opposed it, and M. Kergariose said he feared that the government would be led to guarantee the operations of the company. Premier Floquet said that if the bill was rejected the company would be bankrupt, but if it was adopted the company would have time to make the necessary arrangements. The vote for urgency was carried by 333 against 155.

Another scene of excitement was enacted at the offices of the company. The crush was even greater than that of yesterday. At four o'clock a hush fell over the throng, and De Lesseps appeared.

Mounting a table he said: "My friends, the subscription is safe. Our adversaries are confounded. We do not need the help of the financiers. You have saved yourselves by your own exertions. The canal is made."

Here M. De Lesseps was so overcome that he wept. Among the cheering, weeping and mutual congratulations, all present shook hands with M. DeLesseps.

When the excitement had partially abated the news went around that 410,000 bonds had been subscribed for in Paris and the same number in the provinces. An official in the company replaced De Lesseps, and announced that the subscription list would be kept open until Saturday noon. It is reported that numbers immediately renewed their subscriptions, the receiving clerks being completely overtaxed. The report that 800,000 shares have been taken is believed to be exaggerated, but is is certain that the applications largely exceeded the directors' expectations. Probably the necessary amount will be taken.

TELEGRAPHIC TICKS.

News of the World Condensed Into Pithy Paragraphs.

Wm. T. Coleman finally effected a settlement with his creditors yesterday. According to the terms, the secured creditors receive sixty per cent. and the unsecured forty per cent. Cash payments of 15 per cent. will be paid to-morrow and the remainder in time.

The steamer City of New York, which arrived at San Francisco yesterday from Hongkong and Yokohama, is the first steamer that has arrived from those ports for a number of years without a single Chinaman aboard bound for this port.

Edson Adams, one of the founders of Oakland, Cala., died last night, aged 65. His estate is estimated at from three to six million dollars.

BUTTERWORTH'S BUNCOMB.

What is Thought of it in Eastern Canada.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 15—Commenting on the Butterworth resolution, the *Empire*, the Government organ, calls it an insulting overture.

The resolution has created a startling effect in Montreal. Everybody is discussing it, and everybody is looking forward anxiously to what course the Senate and House will pursue.

All cabinet officials in Ottawa ridicule the resolution, but there are many prominent political men who do not wish to say there is a growing sentiment in favor of a political alliance with the United States.

New Waterworks.

C. Keefer, C. E., president of the American Society of Engineers, has been entrusted with the task of preparing plans and specifications for the waterworks system at Calgary. It is expected the work will be completed in the spring. The water will be allowed to filter through the soil from the Bow or Elbow rivers into a reservoir, from which it will again be pumped into distributing pipes.

A Marmalade Duke.

A good story is going the rounds of a tenderfoot who when travelling West, a short time since, asked in the dining car for marmalade, and when the waiter explained that it was not on the bill of fare, indignantly demanded—"Can I have it or can I not?" "You cannot," replied the waiter. "Then I'll not taste anything," said the offended youth, jumping to his feet and quickly retired from the dining car.

The Fire Record.

The October fire losses in the United States and Canada, aggregate $5,945,500. The New York *Standard* makes the month's losses in the United States alone $5,555,000, and the waste for the elapsed ten months $87,077,000, against the $104,-593,520 which the *Commercial Bulletin* puts down to the same period for the United States and the Dominion.

Shooting Deer At Night.

Parties residing in the districts, says the *Free Press*, complain very bitterly of the growing practice of hunting by lamplight. A number of accidents have already taken place from this dangerous practice, and cattle are being missed by the settlers, who blame the lamp light practice for their loss. They say that inexperienced men, like those recently frightened by the glaring eye balls of the deer they were after, go out hunting and by mistake shoot animals of a domestic nature. Report says that not many nights ago one of these nocturnal nimrods shot his own dog.

Does it Pay?

Three-fourths of our people are troubled with dyspepsia or liver complaint in some form or other, which by nature of the disease has a depressing influence on the mind or body, preventing them from thinking or acting clearly in any matter of importance. Indigestion, coming up of food after eating, dyspepsia, sick headache, acidity of the stomach or any derangement of the stomach or liver (upon which the whole action of our system depend) are speedily and effectually overcome by the use of Green's August Flower. The most stubborn cases have yielded to its influence, as thousands of letters received will testify. The immense sale of this medicine is another guarantee of its merits, (over a million and a half bottles sold last year.) So we ask, will it pay you to suffer from any of the above diseases when you can have immediate relief in the August Flower. Three doses will prove its worth. It is sold by all druggists and general dealers in all parts of the world. *

—The D. L. Moody coffee house" is an institution started at Port Townsend, says the *Argus* through the efforts of the evangelist while he was there.

TO-DAY'S DISPATCHES.

The Terrible Cremation in Texas—Sir John Denies a Rumor about the C.P.R.

Gladstone Makes Another Vigorous Speech—Where is Stanley, Etc.

Austin, Texas, Dec. 15—Further particulars are received of the burning of King's family, near Cookville, on Tuesday morning. A reporter who visited the scene after the fire says the remains of Mr. King, wife and a two months' old infant could be seen in the ruins. In a corner of the same room lay the remains of a three year old boy, and near the door those of a thirteen year old girl. In another room were the forms of three boys aged 6, 8 and 10 years, just as they had gone to bed. The remains of eight victims were buried in one coffin. It was thought at first the fire was accidental, but it is now believed the family was murdered.

RETURNING REFUGEES.

New York, Dec. 15—The steamer Iroquois has sailed for Jacksoville with 300 yellow fever refugees, who are returning to their homes.

THE HAYTIAN AFFAIR.

A dispatch from Kingston, Jamaica, says that the Haytian Government has become alarmed over the announcement that U. S. war vessels are on the way to demand the release of the steamer Haytian Republic, and have decided to send the steamer to New York before their arrival, so as to avoid trouble. Another report from Port au Prince is of a decidedly different nature. It says that three gun boats and one man-of-war are equipped for active service there, and are ready to receive the American cruisers.

ANOTHER FRENCH DUEL.

Paris, Dec. 15—Manville and Clemenceau, of the Chamber of Deputies have fought a duel with swords. Clemenceau was wounded in the shoulder.

A FALSE REPORT.

Ottawa, Dec. 15—Sir John Macdonald denies the truth of the London dispatch announcing that the Canadian Pacific Railway has formally proposed to the Dominion Government to sell its transportation right in Manitoba for £3,000,000. No communication has been received from the Canadian Pacific since the last session of parliament.

GABRIEL DUMONT.

Ottawa, Dec. 14—Gabriel Dumont the half-bread leader is in Montreal at present and negotiations are in progress for lectures by him in many parts of the province.

A LIFE OF CRIME.

Peterboro, Ont., Dec. 14—John Greenfield was found guilty here of shooting at an officer with intent to kill and was yesterday sentenced to 10 years imprisonment. The prisoner addressed the court and said he had been forced into a life of crime by Toronto detectives.

MURDERER PARDONED.

Ottawa, Dec. 14—Maniac Blake, who was sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder of a soldier in Quebec, and who served 22 years in the Kingston penitentiary, has been pardoned. In 1881 he escaped and after suffering from cold was re-captured near Ogdensburg and brought back.

FATAL SHOOTING ACCIDENT.

Battleford, Dec. 14—A young man named Pocha was accidentally shot yesterday at a cattle ranch fifty miles west of the town by a boy of Peter Taylor's. Inspector Chalmers and the coroner have gone out to investigate.

MONEY MARKET.

London, Dec. 15—The market for American railway securities is steady. Consols have fallen ⅛ per cent., in sympathy with the Panama canal crash.

OLD CARTRIDGES.

Gen. Grenfell reports that the Snyder rifle cartridges sent him by Osman Digma and alleged to have been taken from his white prisoners, are stamped 1869.

WILL NOT SUSPEND OPERATIONS.

London, Dec. 15—In the House of Commons to-day, Lord Randolph Churchill asked whether the announcement of the capture of Emir Pasha and Henry Stanley by Osman Digma was well founded, and if the government would negotiate the release of the Europeans imprisoned at Khartoum before beginning hostilities. Goschen, replying for the government, said it was impossible to suspend the proposed measures for the relief of Suakim during the many weeks necessary to ascertain the fate of Emir Pasha and Stanley. Morley urged the suspension of operations in Suakim until Monday. Goschen declared the government could not comply with Morley's request, but promised that the government would refrain from giving instructions to hurry operations in Egypt.

REICHSTAG TO MEET EARLY.

Berlin, Dec. 15—When the Reichstag adjourned to-day it was agreed to meet again on January 19th, a week earlier than was at first proposed, the object being to admit of the earlier production and disposal of a bill with reference to East African affairs, which Prince Bismarck is now preparing. Its prompt passage is regarded necessary in the present state of affairs on the Zanzibar coast.

GLADSTONE MAKES A SPEECH.

Mr. Gladstone made a speech at Lime House town hall to-day. He had an immense and enthusiastic reception. Mr. Gladstone said while he regretted the loss to the liberals by the withdrawal of Lord Hartington, the liberal unionists had better recognize the fact that political union between them and the liberal party was ended. He complained of the behavior of the liberal unionists sitting beside him in the house.

Gladstone strongly condemned Salisbury's allusion to the Pada Bhai Naorgi as the "black man" and said that the unfortunate speech of the premier gave pain to millions of Indians, fellow countrymen. Gladstone protested against the attempt to conquer the Soudan and described the task as a hopeless attempt to right matters.

THE PANAMA FAILURE.

Paris, Dec. 15—The commission of the liquidators of the Panama Canal Co., appointed by the court, Messrs. Nomander Wardet and Hue, who are well acquainted with the affairs of the company and will enter at once into the business of their settlement. It is said in case the Chamber of Deputies rejected the scheme proposed by the government to defer the payment of the interest, &c., a syndicate having at its head the governor of the credit foucier, is ready to take up the enterprise and complete it. Outside of France no disturbance is shown in financial centres of the continent. In consequence of the Panama failure the bourse and especially those of Berlin and Vienna, are much more affected by the astonishing subscription for the Russian look in Paris, which was far beyond their calculations, and completely absorbs their attention. The Panama crash was fully discounted and hardly causes a ripple

RUSSIAN CONSUL AT MESHED.

London, Dec. 15—The Russian Government has lost no time in availing itself of the concession made by Persia in allowing the appointment of the Russian consulate at Meshed, near the Afghan frontier. The *Morse Vremya* of St. Petersburg notes that M. Masseff, who is experienced in Central African affairs, has been appointed to the post and is ordered to proceed thither without delay.

A DARING BAND OF SMUGGLERS.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 15—The United States secret service officers here are on the track of a gigantic opium smuggling conspiracy. They have learned that an organized and well equipped band of smugglers has for years been operating across the northwestern border bringing into the United States costly and hight ariff drugs. One of the gang arrested recently at Denver Colorado, made a full confession. Acting on information given by him the deputy collector at St. Vincent, went west to a point on the Dakota line on Wednesday and interrupted a wagon load of 800 pounds of opium in crude form. The whole outfit was seized and the driver of the wagon, a half-breed, arrested. On the 800 pounds already seized the smugglers would have defrauded the government out of $8000 and would have pocketed that sum as profit on the transaction.

PRINCE ALEXANDER DEAD.

London, Dec. 15—Prince Alexander of Hesse died at 10 o'clock this morning.

WIMAN ON BUTTERWORTH.

New York, Dec. 14—Erastus Wiman, in an interview to-day on the Butterworth resolutions introduced in the house yesterday, said Mr. Butterworth had made a fatal mistake in introducing his annexation rules. "There are two parties to a bargain," continued Wiman, "and in this particular case there are three, viz: The United States, Canada and England, and if any of these three are unwilling, a bargain is impossible. It was stated some time ago, in one of the speeches, that the sentiment against annexation was so pronounced that its advocacy by any political party in the country would meet with the party's defeat. The effect of this proposal for political union at the present time in congress will be to make it a very difficult task for the liberal party in Canada to secure closer commercial relations. Indeed, it will be almost a hopeless attempt if Congress should by its passage of these resolutions, persist in this effort. It will take fifty years to achieve political union by approaching it in the way proposed by Butterworth, while commercial union, on the other hand, is certain in five years. The resolution reported in the house in March last by Representative Hill of Illinois, providing for the appointment of commissioners to confer with representatives of Canada, and prepare a plan for the assimilation of important duties and internal revenue taxes of the two countries, and the equitable division of receipts on commercial union, is a better scheme and more plausible than that of Butterworth's. I look upon Butterworth's action as a political move on the part of the Republicans for the purpose of forestalling the Democrats, whom I know contemplated just such an action.

WHERE IS STANLEY?

London, Dec. 14 — Dispatches from Suakim state that General Grenfell has recognized the letter enclosed in Osman Digma's as the original of one which he drafted for the Khedive, and which the latter handed to Stanley at Cairo. Thus Stanley's capture is virtually placed beyond a doubt. The authorities of the Congo free state have received no information regarding the capture as yet.

The *Standard* says it has reason to believe the report that Osman Digma has written a letter in which he stated that the Mahdi's forces would ultimately be successful, basing his opinion upon his further statement that Emin's men mutinied against their leader and delivered him into the hands of the commander of the Mahdi's troops together with a white traveler, who was probably Stanley.

It is rumored that Osman Digma, who is now believed to have both H. M. Stanley and Emin Bey as prisoners, is willing to yield Stanley and Emin provided Egypt will abandon Suakim. Otherwise, it is believed that the prisoners will be killed.

Osman Digma's letter was in reply to a request made by Major Rundle, last August, for any information about Emin Bey. The letter asserts that the Mahdi has conquered all the equatorial provinces.

SACKVILLE'S SUCCESSOR.

Washington, Dec. 14—Assistant Secretary Rives, of the State Department, when asked to-day by a representative of the United Press about the report published both in this country and abroad, to the effect that the United States has demanded the appointment of a successor to Lord Sackville, and would recall Mr. Phelps unless a British minister was speedily appointed, denied most emphatically the truth of the report. No instructions had been sent to Minister Phelps to insist that a minister be sent to this country. Further than this, he intimated that at the department they felt perfectly indifferent about the matter: whether a minister was or was not sent here.

OUTRAGES IN ALASKA.

Washington, Dec. 14—The House Committee on merchant marine and fisheries, has so far summoned about twenty witnesses in connection with the proposed investigation of Alaskan outrages. Many letters have been received by the committee from persons who desired to appear and give testimony. Among the volunteer witnesses is Kate Field, who last summer spent several months in Alaska.

Chinese Girls in Trouble.

Three Chinese girls, arrested by the customs at Tacoma under the exclusion act, have been examined before the United States commissioner. The Chinese interpreter was of the opinion they had come from Victoria. Their appearance gave the impression that they were Japanese. When arrested they were disguised as squaws. There is no doubt of them having been taken from this city.

—The Calgary *Tribune* appears in enlarged form and is a most creditable paper, every way.

—He could hardly be called a conjuror, though the young man who sat down on a mince pie at a church fair made it squash.

—The phonograph shows that a man's voice has not the same sound to himself that it has to others, thus finally explaining why some people persist in singing.

—Chief Jailer Stewart of Nanaimo, says that not a single West Coast Indian visited Sinequar while he was in jail. From other sources it was learned that he was looked upon as an outlaw by his tribe, while his victim was a boy beloved by all.

—Wellington coal is selling in San Francisco at $12 per ton though the prospect of the Australian supply shortly being renewed. Considering duty, insurance, etc., the profit on a ton of Wellington sold in Victoria at $10 is about $2 more than the profit on a ton sold in 'Frisco at $12.

—One who ought to know offers to donate $25 more to the Protestant Orphans Home if the manager of the *Colonist* will produce the sworn testimony of himself and another witness to the effect that Mr. Theo. Davie has not written articles which appeared in the editorial columns of the *Colonist* since Mr. Higgins gave up the active management of the paper.

OUR OTTAWA LETTER.

Hon. John Robson's Visit to the East—British Columbia Politics.

Onderdonk Contract—Cumberland Election—Office of Governor.

[From our own Correspondent.]

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 9—Since my last letter to THE TIMES I had the pleasure of a talk with Hon. Mr. Robson, Provincial Secretary of British Columbia, who has been in the city the greater part of the present week. He confirms the statement that I made regarding the Dominion Government having made no promise to him to pay part of the expenses in putting down the Sproat a troubles. Indeed, when queried as to the nature of his business to the east, his evasive answers were such as to lead your correspondent to imagine that his business was of a private character, in other words having left behind him the cares and worries of a provincial minister for a pleasant outing and enjoyable time among his old associates in the east. I learned from him that he took in Toronto, Petersboro his old home at Perth, and a number of other places With renewed strength and vigor he will be back to Victoria in good time to be in readiness for the approaching meeting of the Legislature. To judge from the Provincial Secretary's remarks British Columbia possesses not only everything good that nature can bestow upon it, but it is specially blessed with an administration whose devoted attachment to the federal authorities at Ottawa cannot be questioned, even if the slavish and uncalled for loyalty is purchased at a dear price to the people on the Pacific slope. It will therefore be time enough for Sir John Macdonald and his colleagues to turn their attention to British Columbia, when the pressing demands of all the other legislative bodies and the refractory elements in the other different provinces are all disposed of. As long as British Columbia sends a solid delegation to meekly obey the behests of the government at Ottawa and keeps in power a local government that is willing to be treated as a cipher by the federal power, then just so long will the interest of the province suffer. Prince Edward Island sent to the Dominion parliament six representatives, all they could elect, to oppose the present government, and the people have been rewarded by a new government steamer, built at Glasgow, being placed for the winter service between the island and the mainland. This is a great boon to the people of Prince Edward Island. The allegiance of Nova Scotia to Sir John Macdonald was purchased at a very high figure in railway and public works. As in Nova Scotia so it was in New Brunswick. To enumerate all that Quebec received to keep her in line would be needless. From the day that Mr. Ouimet led the "combine" in room 8 of the House of Commons, which was to drive Sir John from office, until that gentleman was made Speaker Ouimet, to soothe his "nationalist" feelings, Quebec has been a steady drain on the public treasury. The wealth, vast resources, both mineral and agricultural, population and good government of Ontario permit her now to dispense with favors from the Federal Government. Manitoba for years suffered at the hands of a government which was guided by Ottawa wire pullers. The public threw off the yoke and their grievances—principal among which was the monopoly question—are steadily disappearing. What has British Columbia got for her slavish support—a few place hunters in office. It is high time the people's eyes both were out.

THE ONDERDONK CONTRACT.

Like section B, the Onderdonk contract for the construction of the British Columbia section of the Canadian Pacific Railway, is designed to have a history in this country. Readers of the TIMES will remember how Sir Charles Tupper manipulated the wires so as to give his friend Onderdonk the contract by throwing aside Mr. Charlebois, the lowest tenderer. They will remember also the rather unsavory character which the then minister of railways bestowed on Charlebois, when accused of favoritism in the House of Commons. But Mr. Charlebois has had his inning since then. Sir Hector Langevin awarded him the contract for constructing the new Parliament buildings at such a low figure as few contractors would care to touch it. But the specifications were such that a coach-and-four could be driven through them, and as a consequence the "extras" by the time everything is completed will be nearly as large as the amount proper for construction. But as to the Onderdonk section of the C.P.R., I may say that the arbitration which sat for three months in British Columbia resumed business here on Monday of last week as I duly telegraphed the TIMES. The expenses, not to speak of the claim of the C. P. against the government will be something enormous. The fees of the arbitrators and counsel, the expenses of both, including shorthand and type writers, will be extraordinary high. That the case is likely to last the greater part of next summer will add to its cost. In the end the government—that is the people—will be the losers, as the Canadian Pacific is bound to get a verdict for so much, not likely all they ask, and in this way costs will be placed against the country. Hon. Edward Blake, Cassels and Blackstock represent the Canadian Pacific, while the interests of the government are being cared for by Messrs. Robertson, Osler and Hodge. The case is a picnic for the counsel and a burden on the already heavily taxed ratepayer.

CUMBERLAND.

There will be two elections in Cumberland, N. S., for the Dominion Parliament since the last session. Mr. Dickey, the Conservative candidate, succeeded in getting elected sometime ago, but on a protest being entered against him he resigned rather than enter the courts with the knowledge that bribery by agents could be substantiated. The Conservatives have again selected Mr. Dickey. His opponent will likely be the candidate already chosen by the temperance people, since he is a staunch Reformer. Whoever gets the temperance vote carries the election, but the Conservative temperance man generally finds a good excuse to give his vote to the Conservative candidate. The election will take place on the 26th inst. This is Sir Charles Tupper's old constituency. I remember when he resigned his seat to accept of the commissionership he was entertained to a banquet in the Russell House here. At that time a writer in the American press wrote a biography of the "great stretcher." Much was not very flattering. It referred to Sir Charles being passionately fond of the fair sex, and gave some particulars to prove the statement. In reply to a toast of the evening Sir Charles Tupper mentioned the obligations he owed Cumberland for having taken him as their representative, even at a time when he was the only supporter of confederation returned in Nova Scotia. "But," said Sir Charles, "I owe more than that to Cumberland. I got from Cumberland (so many years ago) my wife; the bloom was on her cheek then; 'tis in my heart now." (Cheers.) And in this way were the allegations of the writer to the New York *Times* disposed of.

OUR GOVERNOR GENERAL.

From the conversations I have had with political men and others regarding the people of Canada following the example of some of the other colonies in demanding a voice in the appointment of their Governors-General, I am safe in saying that there is no such feeling prevalent in Canada. So long as His Excellency acts as an arbitrator between the colony and the Queen, so long will his appointment properly belong to the Imperial Government. This is the only silken thread that unites us, as far as government is concerned, to the motherland, and once it is interfered with it would be as well to dispose of it at once. While we have a Governor-General the present system of appointment is in every way satisfactory. If a change is necessary, and many, especially the representatives of labor, imagine it is, then let us abolish the position altogether. Few would care to see it made the refuge of some political hack in the Dominion, in whom the public had declared a want of confidence, and whose political career was so besmirched as to make it impossible for him ever to win their esteem, and whose only qualification was that he contributed heavily to the election fund of either of the two great political parties in this country. Our senators are largely selected from such classes, and our Lieutenant Governors are not infrequently made of the same kind of timber. Let us keep politics away from the Government House.

THE MORMONS IN CANADA.

Dr. Allan, of Cornwall, an old time reformer, who a few years ago gave his political allegiance to Sir John Macdonald, was a little later appointed Customs Collector at Fort Macleod. The burly frame of the doctor, with a smile playing over his rubicund countenance, was comfortably seated in an arm chair, at the Russell the other day, as your correspondent enquired the news from the far west. "Nothing startling," said the doctor, "only got quite a settlement of Mormons some fourteen miles south of Fort Macleod. They will prove excellent settlers in every way, providing they will abstain from polygamy. But I have my doubts if they will do this, although when passing their goods through they assured me of their intention to abide by the laws of the country. The arrival of Mr. Stenhouse, ex-M. P. P., British Columbia, among them bodes no good to the settlement as far as abstaining from polygamy goes. He is evidently a staunch believer in it, and gets a large number of books through the customs in regard to Mormonism. One of the wives of Brigham Young spent a little time at the settlement recently. She is the mother of Elder Caird's wife. Mr. Caird is head of the settlers. Mr. Stenhouse has also been made an Aaronic priest by the Mormons. Altogether they have about 200 head of cattle and are fairly comfortable." Dr. Allan was here on business with the Department.

GONE TO EUROPE.

Hon. J. A. Chapleau has gone to Paris, France, where it is likely he will have to undergo another operation for the benefit of his health. He will be in Ottawa again, if his health permits him, about the middle of February. SLADTOWN.

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—There is nothing equal to Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator for destroying worms. No article of its kind has given such satisfaction.

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—It is quite right for a lecturer to be full of his subject, but not when he lectures on whiskey.

—C. A. Livingstone, Plattsville, says: "I have much pleasure in recommending Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil, from having used it myself, and having sold it for some time. In my own case I will say for it that it is the best preparation I have ever tried for rheumatism." *

—It is one of the peculiarities of things in general that the freshest men generally tell the stalest stories.

—A clear head is indicative of good health and regular habits. When the body is languid, and the mind works sluggishly, Ayer's Cathartic Pills will assist in the recovery of physical buoyancy and mental vigor. *

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—Among the warmest advocates of the use of Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery and Dyspeptic Cure are ladies formerly in delicate health, whose vigor and bodily regularity have been restored by it. Cases of debility of long standing, chronic biliousness, weakness of the back and kidneys, feminine ailments, and obstinate types of nervous indigestion, are overcome by it. *

—The average man never knows what paying the piper means until he settles his first plumbing bill.

—Mr. John McCarthy, Toronto, writes: "I can unhesitatingly say that Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery is the *best medicine in the world*. It cured me of Heartburn that troubled me for over thirty years. During that time I tried a great many different medicines, but this wonderful medicine was the only one that took hold and rooted out the disease." *

—The pangs endured by the early Christian martyrs were no doubt excruciating, but not so prolonged or scarcely more dreadful than those experienced by the sufferers from inflammatory rheumatism—a disease which is easily curable at the outset with Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil—a sovereign remedy for pain—a reliable curative of kidney, liver and other complaints, and a medicine of the purest as well as the most salutary kind. *

—The Nanaimo Rovers and New Westminster football clubs will play at Nanaimo on December 29th.

—The steamer Islander on her voyage from Glasgow covered nearly 15,000 miles and consumed 1300 tons of coal, which is considered a very economical amount.

—Dr. Griffin's application for a rehearing will come before the Supreme Court on January 10th. The prisoner will remain in the provincial gaol until that time.

—A number of the dry goods merchants of Vancouver agree, at the beginning of next year, to close their respective places of business at 7 o'clock in the evenings, Saturdays excepted.

—The Canadian Pacific Railway Company's earnings for the week ending December 7th were $281,000; for the same week last year, $275,000. This does not include earnings on the Southeastern and International railways.

TO THE TIMES ONLY.

A Man Elopes With His Sister—The N. W. Central Sold Out.

The Ontario Legislature—Died At Tarsus—H. B. Co. Collector Skips.

Special to THE TIMES.]

Belleville, Ont., Dec. 15—Fred Acklin, of Ferry Point, a fireman on the ferry steamer Mary Ethel, has eloped with his sister, the mother of six illigitimate children by a man named Davy, at Niagara. She went to Ferry Point recently on a visit to her brother, who is married and has three children. The brother fell passionately in love with his own sister and the pair have disappeared.

Ottawa, Dec. 15—It is reported here on excellent authority that the Clemow syndicate has sold all its franchises in the Great Northwest Central Railway to a financially powerful English syndicate, and that the latter will take right hold of the work and push it for all it is worth.

FROM ONTARIO.

Butterworth's Annexation Scheme—Died at Tarsus, Asia.

Special to THE TIMES.]

Toronto, Dec. 15—The *Globe*, commenting on the Butterworth resolution, says: "Nothing can be said for Mr. Butterworth's curious proposal. Its adoption by Congress would probably lead to a thorough understanding of Canadian opinion as to the project of political union with the United States. We have no doubt that the judgment of Canadians would be such as to cure our neighbors of a delusion that has long kept them from an attempt to make the best possible of the political separation of the two countries."

At a meeting of the Ontario council today the formal order-in-council, calling the legislature for the dispatch of business on the 24th of January, was passed.

Mrs. McLachlan, wife of Rev. Alex. McLachlan, who left Toronto less than a year ago to take charge of the St. Paul Institute, Tarsus, Asia Minor, has died at Adana, Asia Minor. McLachlan was married only on the evening of his departure.

Sol White, the apostle of annexation, has consented to accept a nomination for the Mayoralty of Windsor.

Sidney, N. S., Dec. 14—A fearful storm with the wind seventy miles an hour, accompanied by snow and sleet, has been raging here since Tuesday night. Many houses were unroofed and the people turned half-clad into the howling tempest. The wires are down in every direction. From all accessible points come tales of fearful suffering and shipwreck at sea. It is feared when all points are heard from there will be much loss of life.

FROM WINNIPEG.

After a Forger—An H. B. Collector Absconds.

Special to THE TIMES.]

Winnipeg, Dec. 15—Chief McRae leaves for Fargo this morning to prosecute Gillett, accused of committing forgery in this city last June.

Arthur Jackson, collector for the Hudson's Bay store, has skipped the country and was in Grand Forks when last heard from. He took with him all money collected since the 5th.

Winnipeg, Dec. 14—The *Free Press* this morning says that it would prefer to assist in putting a Conservative and Manitobah in power in Winnipeg than continue Martin and Greenway in office.

THE UNFORTUNATE TORIES.

The Member for Jolliette Unseated—New Election Ordered.

Special to THE TIMES.]

Ottawa, Dec. 15—The Supreme Court to-day unseated Guiebault, a Conservative member of the commons for Jolliette, on account of bribery and ordered a new election.

The Manitoba crossing case will be decided on the 22nd December.

Robbery at Nanaimo.

The office of the E. & N. Railway Company at Nanaimo was broken into last night and a sum of money stolen. The amount taken was less than $50. It is believed that the thief was implicated in the robbery of the Jubilee saloon in this city a few nights ago. He is well known to the police and has been suspected of numerous burglaries for some time past.

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—A Chinaman fell overboard from the steamer Hope, during a gale off Garvlan harbor, and was drowned.

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Block No. 1. Commencing at a post on the shore of Discovery Passage about 2 miles below Seymour Narrows, said point being the n. w. corner of lot 12, Bayward District, thence east 80 chains; thence north 120 chains; thence west 120 chains, more or less, to Discovery Passage; thence following the shore line of Discovery Passage in a south-westerly direction to the point of commencement, and containing 1,000 acres, more or less.

Block No. 2 Commencing at a post on the west shore of Discovery Passage about 2 miles above Seymour Narrows, thence west 160 chains; thence north 100 chains; thence east 160 chains; more or less to the shore of Discovery Passage thence following the shore line in a southerly direction to the place of commencement, and containing 1,000 acres, more or less.

Block No. 3. Commencing at a point 20 chains south and 20 chains east of the north-east corner of lot 46, Salmon River Valley, thence east 160 chains; thence south 100 chains; thence west 160 chains; thence north 100 chains to the point of commencement and containing 1,600 acres, more or less.

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Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.